

Pastor's Desk

In the fourth chapter of St. Paul's first letter to the church in Thessalonica, Paul writes to the believers, "But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope." Maybe these words resonate with me now because I buried my wife, Linda, last year. Maybe it is because over the years I conducted several funerals for young adults, children whose lives were cut short by tragic events that broke their parents' hearts. Always, in the midst of their tremendous grieving, the parents raise the question, "Why does this happen to people so young, to my young person? It is not right that a parent should bury a child; it should be the other way around". When confronted with that tsunami of anger and pain, the only response is humble silence in the face of a mystery too great to comprehend. However, the question is always there and the terrible grief is so real!

Maybe St. Paul writes the words in I Thessalonians because he is caught at the intersection of grief and the reality of his resurrection faith. The grief is powerful and real but so is the resurrection. Jesus DID rise from the dead and DOES live. His life, death and resurrection are, in Paul's words, the "first fruits" of a gift God gives all who know Jesus. We, too, will be raised!

It is this gift we prepare to celebrate on March 27, Easter Sunday. The end of life is not the hopelessness and despair of the grave but the welcoming love of a God who creates us, loves us unconditionally, walks every step of this life with us and draws us back to himself in the next life. This message is our source of hope. This is the reason for the celebration on Easter Sunday.

Come join us in the celebration. However, do not just show up on Easter Sunday. Walk the journey of Lent the next several Sundays and participate in the services of Holy Week. Participate in the Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday service on Sunday, March 20 when we join the crowds in shouting "Hosanna in the highest" then listen in on the events of Holy Week as we read the Passion Narrative from the Gospel of Luke. Sit at the table of grace on Maundy Thursday, March 24 as we remember and reenact the Last Supper with Jesus' presence in the break and wine. Ponder the significance of Jesus' death on the cross at the community Good Friday service. Contemplate the mysteries of the faith; experience the impact of the "unconditionality" of God's grace in our daily lives.

This "faith stuff" is not an intellectual exercise! This is the very heart and "stuff" of life we are talking about here. This message is about hope versus despair, love versus hate, an open future versus continual dead ends in life. That is why St. Paul was so passionate about the faith. That is why I am so passionate about the gospel message and its "essentialness", if there is such a word. Join in worship with other Christians this season and discover the message that ignited the hearts and lives of those early disciples. "But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope." Words of truth in AD 50; just as true in AD 2016!

*All my love,
Joe*

TRINITY HI-LITES "ABOUT US" MARCH 2016

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

Emily Saylor	Karen Saylor
Linda Lescalet	April Ellis
Elouise Himes	Lorraine & Don Hair
Jean Carr	Esther Semler
Ken Suffercool	Dorothy Prusutto
Jean Lefler	Lisa Lewis
William Hopkins	Steve Riddle
David Delaportas	Alex Dodd & family
Lucy Eshelman	Anna Burkett
Patty Burkett	Laura Kline

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 **15th of the month**.

SECRETARY AND PASTOR OFFICE HOURS:

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



We extend to our Trinity family our deep appreciation for all of your prayers, cards and expressions of compassion as our daughter, Lisa, continues her treatment for breast cancer. We feel your love and it has served as a significant outpouring of support during this challenging time for our daughter. As Lisa nears the halfway point with her chemo treatments, the last treatment scheduled the latter part of April, and two surgeries to follow thereafter, we would be so humbled if your prayers could continue.

Thank You to our friends and family at Trinity.

Jean and John Talley

Dear Trinity Family,

I wish to express my deepest appreciation to my very special family for all your thoughts prayers and cards sent to me and my family during a very difficult time.

Your mother brings you into this world, takes care of you, teaches you and supports you in all you do. The hardest thing for me was to say goodbye to my very best friend, but it comforts me to know that she is with our Lord looking down on me and my family and is still my biggest fan.

Sincerely Susan Brown



MARCH ALTAR FLOWERS

March 6	Gahs
March 13	
March 20	Cline
March 27	Cunningham

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 service.



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 March 6 & 20. We always have room around the table for a few more men. Join us as we gather over pastries and coffee to study Christian virtues.



NURSERY SCHEDULE FOR 10:15 WORSHIP

Mar 6	Julie Williams
Mar 13	Andrea Smith & Jean McCammon
Mar 20	Lindsay & Mike Norris
Mar 27	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. 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 3rd and 4th Sunday's of the month as part of our 10:15 A.M. worship service. Below are listed the leaders for January through April:

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.



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!



Our annual chili cook off is slated for **Saturday, March 5th at 5:30 PM** in the social room.

It's not too late to enter your chili, offer an auction item, handle the desserts, or participate in the open mic. See Kristy or Tom Smith for more information.

Please 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!



FIRST FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP

First Friday in April is April 1!

Join us for a meal and some fellowship from 5:30 to 7 PM in the social room.



Do you like to crochet or knit? Would you like to learn how to crochet or knit? Would you like to learn new techniques or share your knowledge of crocheting or knitting? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions and would like to be part of a group that meets 1 or 2 times a month at Trinity, please contact Kim Nally at 301-432-4434 or email her at kimmyrt@myactv.net.



The March Prime Timers gathering is 12 noon in Trinity's social room on **Wednesday, March 16**. The group will enjoy a covered dish meal and a little St. Patrick's Day fun! Please sign up on the sheet on the podium in the church entrance to bring a main course, side dish or dessert. Beverages will be provided. Come join us if you are available that day!



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!



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.



WINTER FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION

Trinity invites fifth and sixth grade children who do not already receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion to attend first Communion instruction. The instruction is March 13 from 11:30 AM to 3:00 PM. The first opportunity for our youth to commune will be March 24. If you did not receive an email from Pastor Joe about this instruction, please contact him immediately!



Mar Lu Ridge Annual Spring Work Day will be held **Saturday, March 19**. 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 office: mlr@mar-lu-ridge.org



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. 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.

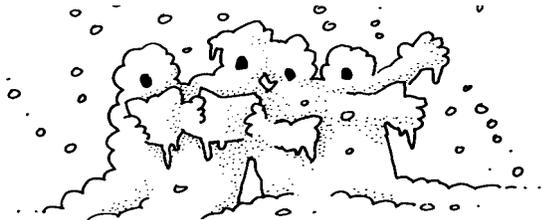
If you have any questions, please contact MLR by e-mail at MLR@Mar-Lu-Ridge.org or by phone at 301-874-5544.

Registration opens January 1, 2016!



Student Service Learning Project for Abby Fazenbaker

I have a 7th grade Student Service Learning Project (SSL) to complete for school. I would like to donate items to the Humane Society of Washington County and I need your help in this community service project! The Humane Society is in need of the following: pet toys, cleaning supplies (paper towels, rubber gloves, liquid bleach, 30-gallon trash bags), pet supplies (leashes, collars and crates), treats, bedding (bath size towels, blankets, fleece remnants) and cat/kitten food and adult/puppy food. There is a donation box set up in the narthex by the coat rack and I would greatly appreciate it if you would consider donating any of these items. I'll be collecting items till **March 25**. Thank you so much for your help!



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)



NEW CHOIR ROBES

New choir robes and choral folders, purchased by Rodney & Connie Cline, were dedicated in memory of Rodney's sister, Helen Cline May, who was a faithful and dedicated member of Trinity's Choir for more than sixty years. We deeply thank Rodney and Connie for a wonderful gift appropriate to Helen's passion and meaning to Trinity's members.



Trinity's annual Easter party will be during Sunday church school on **Sunday, March 20th starting at 8:45 AM in the social room** for children kindergarten through grade 6. Miss. Deena's class will meet in the nursery for planned activities. The children will enjoy a craft, games and egg hunt. Please bring something in which your child can collect his/her eggs.



EASTER CANDY/GOODIES NEEDED

Marked Easter candy boxes in which to place your candy donations/egg size goodies will be available in the kitchen and in the narthex. Non-candy items such as stickers, erasers or anything small to fit into a plastic egg make great egg stuffers too. Thanks for your donations!



Individuals and families who would like to place flowers in the church for Easter should order them from their florist. All of the flowers need to be white with green foil and a white ribbon. Please have the flowers to the church by **2:00 p.m. on Saturday March 26th** for arranging by the altar guild. Also, please have your dedication to Susan by **Tuesday, March 22nd** for the Easter bulletin. Any questions -- phone Karen Cunningham -- 301-797-8274.



Palm/Passion Sunday March 20, 2016 10:15 AM

Our Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday begins with the reading of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem from the Gospel of Luke, followed by our annual congregational procession with palms. The tone of the service then changes to the Passion of Jesus, his humiliation and crucifixion as told in the Gospel of Luke. Please invite friends and family to join us for this special service.



MAUNDY THURSDAY HOLY COMMUNION
March 24, 2016 – 7 PM

Maundy Thursday is the church's celebration of the Last Supper Jesus shared with his twelve disciples the evening before he was crucified. The service will be in the sanctuary this year, celebrating Holy Communion in small groups around a table with pita bread and wine. This is a wonderful contemplative service; I hope you will attend!



GOOD FRIDAY
March 25, 2016- 7:00 PM

This service will be an ecumenical community service beginning at 7 PM at Mt. Nebo United Methodist Church in Boonsboro. Local clergy will assist with the service. Join the congregations from Boonsboro, Keedysville, and Benevola for this special service.



Easter Sunrise Breakfast

Our traditional Easter breakfast follows the 7:00 a.m. Easter sunrise service on **Easter Sunday, March 27**. In previous years, the helpers gather on Saturday morning and prepare the room and some of the food. If you would like to help prepare the meal, please contact Jeff Grills at 301-432-8991 or grillsja@myactv.net.



Easter
MORNING WORSHIP
March 27, 2016

Come celebrate Christ's resurrection and the triumph of life over death at two festival services. The morning begins with our **Easter Sunrise Service at 7 AM**. The service is a contemporary service with joyful music, the reading of the resurrection narrative, sermon, and the celebration of Christ's victory with a service of Holy Communion. We then celebrate the victory of Easter with our **10:15 AM Easter Festival service** with hymns, scripture, prayer, Holy Communion and the presentation by the chancel choir of a few pieces of Easter music. Please bring family and friends and join us for our Easter celebration!



CHICKEN BARBECUE

The Boonsboro Lions will hold our first spring barbecue On **Saturday, April 2**, next to Columbia Bank from 9:30 a.m until sold out. Same special spice, same great taste. Enjoy an early spring treat.



March 20 – Sunday of Passion/Palm Sunday

Crucifer - Jared Tribett
 Acolytes - Noah Iager
 Ryan Tribett

March 24 – Maundy Thursday – 7 PM – Comm.

Crucifer - Donovan McClellan
 Acolytes - Taylor Williams
 Brooke Iager

March 27 – Easter Sunday 7 AM - Communion

Crucifer - Nathan Tribett
 Acolytes - Grace Pippin
 Haylee Hartman
 Abby Fazenbaker
 Zach Fazenbaker

March 27 – Easter Sunday 10:15 AM - Communion

Crucifer - Seth Hutchinson
 Acolytes - Zoey Hutchinson
 Fantasya Roberts
 Kieran Bowl
 Andrew Himes

April 3 – Second Sunday of Easter - Communion

Crucifer - Zane Poffenberger
 Acolytes - Cullen Talhelm
 Owen Smith
 Avery Smith
 Andrew Himes

April 10 – Third Sunday of Lent– Contemporary

Crucifer -
 Acolytes - Leah Pippin
 Taylor Williams

April 17 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Crucifer - Cameron McClellan
 Acolytes - Noah Iager
 Gavin Hartman

April 24 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Crucifer - Dylan Ellis
 Acolytes - Ryan Tribett
 Kieran Bowl

If you are unable to serve on the day you are assigned, please switch with someone else.

Thank you kindly.

Deena Long 301-432-2988
 tdcmlong@301-432-2988

The Bulletin Board

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