



# HiLites Newsletter

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## Pastor's Corner

### Why Lent and Eastertide Never Get Old to Me

I was ordained on February 13, 1977, just ten days before Lent began that year. That means I have experienced 40 Lenten and Easter seasons as a pastor. One would think that after going through so many of these exhausting seasons, a pastor would get just a little bored now and then. Add to that the 26 Lents and Easters I had already seen before my ordination, and the number comes to 67. But for the purposes of this article, I'll stick to 40. 40 Ash Wednesdays. Hundreds of midweek Lenten services and accompanying covered dish dinners. 40 Maundy Thursday services. 40 Good Friday services. 40 Holy Weeks. And 40 Easters.

Forty Wednesdays have I reminded my parishioners of their mortality by imposing ashes on their foreheads. Forty Maundy Thursdays have I placed my hands on the heads of my parishioners and announced to them that their most grievous sins were forgiven.

So why don't I get tired of it? Why do I still get so excited when the Altar Guild fills the front of the church with lilies and other flowers the day before Easter? Why does the smell still intoxicate me so? And why, oh why, do I pay no attention to how tired my body is on Easter morning? More tired these days than in the early days 40 years ago.

I know where part of the answer lies. I found it when I was reading an article that had to do with a fellow named Les Cheveldayoff. (Yes, that is his real name). Les is an actor who portrays Jesus at a park close to Disneyworld in Florida. For 15 years Les has been part of the cast at The Holy Land Experience – an interactive living history park and ministry in Orlando. Six times a week Les dons his biblical outfit, drags a large cross through a large stage area while actors portraying Roman soldiers appear to kick and spit on him. He is led to a place called "Calvary's Garden Tomb" and is "nailed" to a large cross that is lifted up by hydraulic motors. Later, he appears from the tomb that sits immediately below Calvary's hill. Every time he is hoisted upon that cross during the twenty minute presentation, he sees the outpouring of emotion among many in the crowd. "I notice it so much that sometimes it throws me off my lines," he says.

I am aware of that emotional outpouring also. Not because I hang on a cross in a recreation of the passion but because I stand in the chancel of God's house, watching his people cope with life. I know some of their sin. I know some of the sin of others that is impacting them. I know quite a few of their doubts, fears and regrets. I know their joys. I know their dreams. I have come to know from their posture what is going through their minds as I pronounce the absolution on Sunday morning. I can see the smile – or the sorrow - on their faces as they approach the communion rail. I see their relief and gratitude as I place the host in their hands and say, "The body of Christ, given for the forgiveness of your sins". I just can't get tired of doing things like that.

And I know wherein lies another part of the answer. When I stand in the chancel of God's house at Trinity, I actually am standing close to the cross of Christ. Because Christ took our sins to the cross, I am commissioned to proclaim forgiveness to his people. Because of his physical, emotional, and spiritual struggle I can announce his companionship and solidarity with the people whose pastor I am, whatever their struggles may be. Because of his resurrection from the dead, I can give his people hope for new life again and again, year after year. I just can't get tired of doing that either! I keep thinking of that line from the old hymn entitled I Love to Tell the Story. It goes:

***I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,  
I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long. –ELW 661***

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

Nancy Itnyre	Karen Saylor
Kristi Lescalet	Leonard Summers
Dixie Patton	Jean Carr
Gene Walter Lewis	Peggy Costion
Jim Everline	Mary Wolfe
John Merhling	Rose Sours
Barbara Douglas	Bill Hughes
Carol Block	Jeff Stewart
Lori McLaughlin	Laura McDermit
Declan Bennett	Don Hair
Rose Marie Ciprich	Sarah Ellis
Levi Vance	Sally Baker
Ross Cunningham	Mary Neubauer
Catherine Beachley	Betty Swain
Chris Kalnasy	Angie Kalnasy
Katie Kalnasy	Mike Flores
Richard Bennett	Dylan Starkey
Raymond Grove	Jacob Matheny
J.J. Bain	Bev DeBaugh
Lisa Piston	Andrew Karn
Anna Burkett	Patty Burkett

### **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**.

### May Birthdays

May	1	Cory DeBaugh
	1	Andrew Landsman
	1	JoAnn Plichta
	2	Julie Garver
	3	Mylee Hartman
	4	Brigitte Fouche
	7	Annie Tarboli
	9	Justin Talley
	10	Jennifer Bain
	11	Donald Hoffman
	11	Randy Weagley
	12	Nancy Itnyre
	15	Brian Bidle
	15	Derrick Piston
	19	Bailey Deater
	19	Lena May Itnyre
	20	Catherine Beachley, Sr.
	21	Kami Hoffman
	22	Haylee Hartman
	22	Ryan Turnbaugh
	23	Chad Grills
	23	Robert Swain
	25	Doris Clark
	29	Heidi Foster
	30	Jerry Itnyre
	31	Ted DeBaugh
	31	Greg Solberg

### **SECRETARY AND PASTOR OFFICE HOURS:**

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



May	7	
May	14	Rockwell
May	21	Ellis
May	28	

The above dates are for flowers to be placed on the altar in honor or memory of a loved one.



**NURSERY SCHEDULE FOR 10:15 WORSHIP**

May 7	Karen Cunningham
May 14	Lindsay & Mike Norris
May 21	Laura Lager
May 28	Julie Williams



The Men's Bible Study meets in the Funk Center at 8:00 AM each month on the first and third Sundays. We meet on May 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 the selected scripture passages.



**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 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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!



Dear Pastor Ron & Trinity's Congregation,

Thank you for your concern through prayers, cards, calls, food, and visits during my recent injuries and recovery. I have missed not being at Sunday School and Church Worship service with you, and I am looking forward to being back soon. Love, Jean McCammon

(Jean wrote this last month we apologize for the delay)

Many thank to the families and individuals who placed special flowers in the sanctuary and foyer for Easter Sunday Their beauty added a lovely touch to Trinity. I truly appreciated your kind gesture of flowers. Sincerely, Karen, Altar Guild chair.

A "thank you" seems so small compared to how I feel about your acts of kindness. All the greeting cards, all the visits, the phone calls, etc., etc. I appreciate our Trinity family so much!!! Thank you! Love, JJ Bain

Anna Burkett, Patty's Burkett's sister, wishes to thank everyone who helped her move from Hagerstown to Smithsburg last fall. She also is thankful for all the food members of Trinity sent her way at Christmas. Anna plans to have a picnic in the park this summer to express her appreciation.



**THE KNITTING & CROCHETING GROUP** will be meeting on **Monday, May 8 & 22, 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](mailto:kimmyrt@myactv.net).



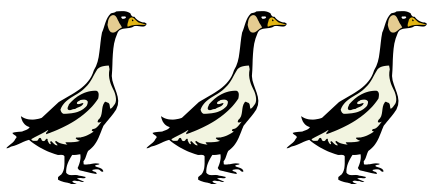
**FIRST FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP**  
 Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup> 5:30 to 7:30 PM

**Hola! It's Cinco de Mayo First Friday!**

Americans love any good excuse to have TACOS. So we'll have a taco bar with all the fixins! Please make a reservation and sign up for something(s) to bring.

Following the meal, Chuck Schwalbe will report on plans for Boonsboro's 225th Anniversary and share some notes from Boonsboro's rich history.

We're trying something new - please RSVP at [www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b4fa8ae2da1fb6-hola](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b4fa8ae2da1fb6-hola). You don't need an account to use this - just RSVP, mark off what you'll bring and put in your name and e-mail address and you're done. If you prefer not to use the signup form, you can RSVP to Kristin Bowl at [kristinbowl@gmail.com](mailto:kristinbowl@gmail.com) or 301.788.3119. Kristin is the host for the month of May.



**GAGGLE NEWS**

Due to crazy busy schedules, there will be no Gaggle in May. Watch for an early June date to gather for laughter, tears and fellowship.



Interested in providing special music this summer? Please contact a member of the Music and Worship committee to get on the calendar! We'd love for you to share your gifts. Committee members are Tammy Panther, Julie Williams, Connie Cline, Beth Rockwell, Mike Beeler, Marianne Talhelm & Paula Ford.



All women of Trinity are invited **Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 AM** in the social room for a special gathering to honor them. The Christian Ed team will be serving a lite array of breakfast items which will include donuts, fresh fruit etc. Hope to see you there. Sweet Treat with Mom (9:30-10:00 AM in the social room).



**DEDICATION OF PLAQUE HONORING TRINITY'S PASTORS –**  
 On Sunday, May 14, we will dedicate the plaque honoring the many pastors who have served our congregation in our history. There are 29 names on the plaque, covering 214 years. Some pastors served here for a few years, some pastors served here for many, many years. All served. Our church council commissioned the plaque and Karen Tribett was responsible for making it happen. Thank you Karen.



**HOLY COMMUNION INSTRUCTION:** At Trinity we begin communing children when they reach fifth grade. On Sunday, May 21, Pastor Ron will meet with all parents of fifth graders (or older who are not yet communing) who desire to receive the sacrament. We will meet for about 20 minutes in a corner of the Social Room during coffee call.



A Taize style prayer service will be held at St. James Catholic Church in Boonsboro on **Friday, May 26, 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.](#)



**HONORING OUR DECEASED VETERANS**

During the service on **Sunday, May 28**, we will include in worship prayers and a litany to honor all deceased veterans. We hope you can join us!

**ATTENTION VETERANS OF TRINITY!** We would like to acknowledge the fact that freedom is never free by participating with a float in the Boonsboro Memorial Day Parade on Sunday, May 28th. The idea would be to have as many of our veterans as possible (or at least 5-6) on the float. If you would be willing to participate, please contact Kristy Smith as soon as possible. If there is interest and a doable level of participation, the planning will begin! Email Kristy at [kristyathome@hotmail.com](mailto:kristyathome@hotmail.com) or call 240-285-8894 by Monday May 8th (the sooner the better).



**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.



**Vacation Bible School- Sun, June 18<sup>th</sup> – Thurs, June 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

REGISTER ONLINE at [www.trinitylutheranboonsboro.org](http://www.trinitylutheranboonsboro.org) and click on icon Maker Fun Factory to be directed to registration link.

Join us for a fun filled week at Group Maker Fun Factory where kids become hands-on inventors who discover they're lovingly crafted by God. Kids will be buzzing with excitement each night from **6:15-8:15 PM, Sun.-Thurs.** ages 3 to 11.

Friends encouraged to attend. Volunteers are needed! Please contact Laura lager at [meidvm@aol.com](mailto:meidvm@aol.com) or 301.739.4885 if you can help.



**Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>** ~ Dads and Donuts (9:30–10:00 AM in the social room). All men of all ages are invited to attend in celebration of Father's Day.



**FINANCIAL UPDATE THROUGH MARCH 31, 2017**

YTD BUDGETED	YTD OFFERINGS	NEEDED WEEKLY
\$ 47,248.25	\$ 46,042.47	\$ 3,635.00

We are currently \$1,205.78 behind budget.



# The Bulletin Board

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>May Calendar</b>	1	2 9:15 AM Ladies Bible Class	3 3 PM Girl Scouts 7 PM Contemporary Choir 7 PM Support Group	4 1-3 PM Food Pantry & Micah's Backpack 6 PM Girl Scouts 7 PM AA Meeting	5 5:30 PM First Friday	6
7 8 AM Men's Bible Study 9 AM SCS 10:15 AM Worship w/Communion – 11:30 AM - Worship & Music Committee meeting following service	8 Knitting & Crochet Group 6:30 PM	9 9:15 AM Ladies Bible Class 7 PM Church Council	10 7 PM Adult Choir 7 PM Support Group	11 1-3 PM Food Pantry & Micah's Backpack 7 PM AA Meeting	12	13
14 10:15 AM worship – Contemporary Worship – Mother's Day - Children's Church Pastors' Plaque dedication	15	16 9:15 AM Ladies Bible Class	17 Noon – Prime Timers 3 PM Girl Scouts 7 PM Adult Choir 7 PM Support Group	18 1-3 PM Food Pantry & Micah's Backpack 6 PM Girl Scouts 7 PM AA Meeting	19	20
21 8 AM Men's Bible study 9 AM SCS 10:15 AM Worship – Coffee Call First Communion Parents	22 Knitting & Crochet Group 6:30 PM	23 9:15 AM Ladies Bible Class	24 7 PM Adult Choir 7 PM Support Group	25 1-3 PM Food Pantry & Micah's Backpack 7 PM AA Meeting	26 7 PM Taize Prayer Service St. James Catholic Church	27
28 9 AM SCS - 10:15 AM Worship – Honor Veterans Children's Church/ Joyful Noise Choir - Children's Church Noisy Change Offering	29	30	31			