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# Trinity Tidings

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## *A Journey to Higher Ground*

**The sovereign Lord is my strength; He makes my feet like the feet of a deer.  
He enables me to go on to the heights. ~ Habakkuk 3:19**

### *From the Pastor's Desk*

My dear Trinity Family,

Let me begin by wishing you a blessed time of following our faithful Lord in the month of March 2017. As we enter the set-apart season of Lent, I am sure many of you are asking, "Lord, what may I do this season to draw all the more closer to you?"

If that is your desire, here are some tips for you:

#### **1. Take time to reflect**

How about setting aside a daily time other than your quiet time to reflect upon Jesus' journey to the cross? It could be a quiet space of 10, 15, 30 minutes or even more. You could read the sections in the Gospels and Epistles that set your eyes upon the cross. It adds a lot if you can sing or read a hymn about the cross during the time. And how about adding a time of fasting and prayer into your schedule once a week? It could be that you skip a meal, a snack or a coffee time. For those of us whose health would permit, a whole day's fast or a half day's fast would be well worth considering.

Whatever discipline you choose, I would encourage you to craft a holy space of quiet apart from your daily quiet time or devotion time— 10, 15, 30 minutes as best works for you to focus on the cross through the Scriptures. Jesus gave his all for us; we can do a little more for Him.

***Nothing can help you understand the love of God better than going daily to the cross of Jesus with an open Bible.***

#### **2. Take time to restore**

How about being bold? Real bold! How about confronting your heart about prejudices, the refusal to forgive, the tendency to exaggerate when it comes to someone else's mistakes? And yes, that real deep aching pain and hurt that has not gone away or you have not allowed to go away? ..... Well, that list can be long. Aren't we all truly human!

Now, I know some of us will find this a hard exercise. We've probably been hurt more than we could bear. There were words said that still hold a sting – even years later, maybe. Or like that dripping tap, the memories of the abuse and hurt keep disturbing the quiet in your soul – even after so long. Yes, it is hard. But honestly, following Jesus has its difficult parts to it. He is not one who hides things 'under the table'. In fact, as you read in the Gospels, he was willing to overturn those tables!

Through each week in Lent beginning on Ash Wednesday (1<sup>st</sup> March) till Easter Sunday (16<sup>th</sup> April) would you engage in the daily discipline of searching your heart? Get into the living area, the dining spaces, the basement and even the closets in your heart. Those places no one else is allowed into and no one else can see – but God. Pull out that vacuum cleaner and get off that dust that has settled like a permanent walk-way. Get that duster and clean up the dust. And look up and don't spare those entangling cobwebs.

Be honest. Cry. Talk. Kneel. Surrender. Allow the Holy Spirit to help you and the blood of Jesus to cleanse you. "Oh! What freedom!!!"

***Nothing can heal your heart better than going daily to the cross with an open heart.***

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## JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

Sunday 8:15 AM and 10:45 AM - Worship Services

Sunday 9:30 AM - Sunday School Classes for all ages

TAKE 5 TO PRAY  
DAILY AT 8:30 PM

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**Deadline for**

**April 2017  
Tidings articles**

**March 15**

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### **3. Take time to reach out**

The cross is all about a God who reached out. Not because we invited him to, but because he invited himself to it! John the Gospel writer cannot be outdone for his declaration, “For God so loved the world that **He** gave his only begotten son....” John 3:16

God reached out at the cross. Look at him again. His body was broken so that we could be healed. His blood was shed, so that we could be forgiven. His arms were outstretched so that we could be welcomed. His tomb was empty so that we could be filled - with hope, new life and eternity.

What would you do this season to reach out?

Yes, some of you will help the children’s Sunday School in its efforts to support the Methodist Home that constantly cares for and touches young lives in need. Many of us will remember how our dear Louise Van Sickle served so passionately at the home.

Some of you will set aside money from little sacrifices you will make – be it an ice cream, a treat or a movie – and give that money in support of missions through the Bishop’s Partners in Mission boxes.

Many of you will make room for contributions through the “One great hour of sharing” as you assist the United Methodist Committee on relief to continue being “the hands and feet of Jesus” to those whose lives are hurt by disaster and troubles. Most of you have over the years made our missions support possible as a church by your generous and sacrificial Lenten mission support offerings.

God bless you for all you do. Thank you!!!

But here is a question for you. What MORE would Jesus want you to do? Would he want you to serve in the kitchen during the Men’s breakfasts? Would he want you to volunteer to help set meals for our new member’s classes? Would he want you to do to Downtown Daily Bread and serve? Or to Paxton Home? Or to just drive around the city as a small group and give gifts of blankets, warm clothes and a warm packed burger meal to someone who is homeless or in need? Some of you may rightly say that all those outings would not be possible on account of your health and limitations. Friend, is there a card you can write to someone you have never written to? A card to your Senators to encourage them in their work? A card to your Bank manager to say you are grateful for their services and that you send a prayer for them? A card to the person you hire to clean your property or clear snow or mow the lawn? A card to someone who is hurting and shut-in? And maybe some of you need to simply sit back and make calls. Calls to grandchildren, great grandchildren and your children. Calls that don’t just say “I love you”, but calls in which you dare to ask them how they are doing in their walk with God. Calls in which you can share from your life of how God has been real to you.

**Nothing can make our world better than going daily to it with the love of the cross expressed by our open arms.**

The United Methodist Church seeks to embrace and reflect the spirit of these oft-repeated words, “Open hearts, open minds, open doors.”

Be blessed this Lenten time my dear brothers and sisters, young people and children, as you keep your hearts, minds and doors open to God and his call to serve our world.

Grateful to each of you for your presence, prayers, partnership and encouragement in our journey together to higher ground.

Lord, lift me up!

Your servant,  
Arun

### ***MARCH 2017 THEME:***

#### ***THE CROSS MAKES THE DIFFERENCE FOR ME***

##### **March 5 How can I know I am forgiven?**

Scripture Lessons: Psalm 32, John 8:1-11

##### **March 12 How can I forgive when I am hurt?**

Scripture Lessons: Matthew 18: 21-35, Luke 23: 26-34

##### **March 19 How can I cope with disappointment?**

Scripture Lessons: Isaiah 53:1-6, Mark 14 :41-50

##### **March 26 How can I bring healing in a hurting world? (One great hour of sharing)**

Scripture lessons: Isaiah 61:1-7, Luke 8: 26-39

# THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU

## Dear Trinity Worship Team

Thank you for your letter concerning our retirement from regular ushering. Special thanks to Pastor Arun and Beth Sider for their expression of gratitude and kindness.

We thank all who shared their precious words - how they miss us, etc. - your caring words touched us deeply.

In Christian love, Roger and Ruth Miller

## Thank You!

A big THANK YOU to everyone who blessed us with birthday cards. We felt the love coming from our Trinity family even though the miles separate us. See you in May.

~ Love, Arv & Bev Krick

## Medard's House Thank You

Hello Everyone at Trinity United Methodist church. On behalf of all the volunteers, youth and supporters of Medard's house, I want to sincerely thank you for your partnership with Medard's house.

As a local "mission field", support like yours is necessary for us to do what we do. So thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Looking forward to working with all of you as we capture the hearts of our youth for the body of Christ.

~ Respectfully, Sandra L. Colello

## MUSIC NOTES FROM DAN

**Celebration Organ Concert  
Wednesday, May 31 7:00 p.m.**

Now that the organ console has arrived and been connected, the long-awaited concert by Rhonda Sider Edgington has been scheduled with an added bonus ! The Organ Committee is delighted to announce that Timothy Botts, nationally recognized calligrapher and illustrator will join Rhonda for this celebration concert, creating sketches for three selections as Rhonda is playing. Timothy and his family were part of the Trinity family during his youth.

Rhonda is the daughter of our own Dr. Ronald R. and Beth Sider. She studied in Germany as a Fulbright Scholar and is known both nationally and internationally as a recitalist.

The evening will include the unveiling of a plaque in gratitude for gifts given to make this project possible. The concert will be followed with a reception in Fellowship Hall.

## Local Lunch time Concert featuring Trinity's Music Director

Members and friends of Trinity are invited to Camp Hill Presbyterian Church as Dan Stokes will share a noon-time concert as part of Camp Hill Presbyterian's ongoing series on March 8th . The concert is preceded by a light lunch ( 11:45 – 12:10 ) in the church's fellowship hall. The concert will follow from 12:15- 12:30 and will include enthusiastic congregational singing.

## EASTER FLOWER ORDERS

We will be decorating the church with flowers for Easter again this year. Orders are due in the church office, along with your cash or check made payable to Trinity United Methodist Church (showing "Easter Flowers" in the memo) by **April 2, 2017**. The cost is \$9.00 each. Please put the number of each type of flower that you wish to order in the space provided.

\_\_\_\_ Tulip      \_\_\_\_ Daffodil      \_\_\_\_ Multi-Color Mum      \_\_\_\_ Easter Lily

In Memory Of: \_\_\_\_\_

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Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor Of: \_\_\_\_\_

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Take Flowers: \_\_\_\_\_ Leave for Homebound: \_\_\_\_\_

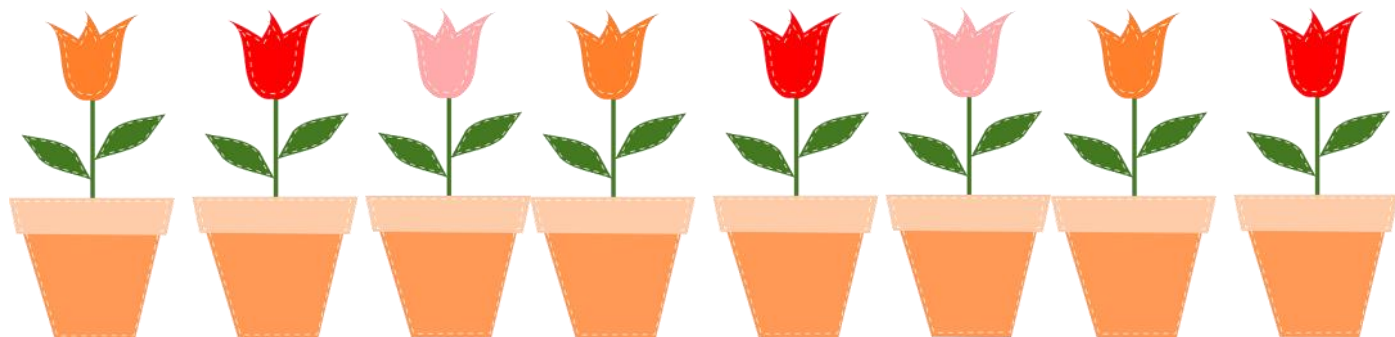
If you are planning to take your flowers, they should be taken home on Easter Sunday unless prior arrangements are made with Joyce Klinger at 774-3471.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_



## Youth Group



- March 5** 6-8 PM Youth Group  
Creation Room
- March 12** 6-8 PM Youth Group  
Creation Room
- March 17-18** 7 PM - 10 AM  
Youth Lock-In
- March 19** 6-8 PM Youth Group  
Creation Room
- March 26** 6-8 PM  
Fellowship Time

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### HOW WILL WE DISCIPLE OUR YOUTH?

When many of us hear the word “ratio”, we panic and think back to high school math classes. Some of us think about the ratio of gas and air an engine needs to run perfectly. Some of us think of the perfect amount of Kool-Aid powder to water to get that perfectly sweet glass of Kool-Aid. My life has been surrounded by ratios as a leader of youth events for the past several years. Often, when we do events, we shoot for a 5-1 ratio for students to leaders during an event. This provides the leaders with a small enough group to be able to have conversations with students and focus on relationships, but also allows for students to feel free enough to hang out with one another without having leaders looking over their shoulders during a typical Sunday evening Youth Group meeting.

This year, with the Trinity Youth Ministry, we are striving to completely flip that ratio on its head. Instead of having five students for every one leader, we want to have five leaders for every single student involved in our ministry. There is a very important reason we are doing this: we want students to have a faith that sticks with them! In Dr. Kara E. Powell and Dr. Chap Clark’s book “Sticky Faith”, they explained how having five different adult individuals from the church family developing a relationship with a student can dramatically and positively influence a student’s faith for the long-term. Our goal is to replicate this reality! We want to see students who have a faith that goes into the world after high school and does amazing things for the Kingdom. We want students who are passionate about faith!

Many people have asked me “How can we get involved?” One of the best ways to get involved in the ministry is by joining us on this endeavor as we seek to create this newly refreshed understanding of the “5-1” ratio. Maybe you are asking “how can I get involved”, “where does the youth ministry need leaders”, or “in what ways can I support the students, even though I may not be able to keep up with them with their games and regular programs”? This opportunity is the answer to your question! If you are interested or would like more information about how we can partner with you, feel free to email Tyler Schouppe at [youthdirector@trinityumnc.com](mailto:youthdirector@trinityumnc.com) or call me at the church! I would love to connect with you and plug you in!

## Save the Dates



### The Children’s Sunday School Easter Party

Sunday, April 2nd  
12:00 pm to 3:00 pm

### Vacation Bible School

June 4-9  
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm





## *Sunday Duties for March 2017*

<i><b>DUTY</b></i>	<i><b>March 5</b></i>	<i><b>March 12</b></i>	<i><b>March 19</b></i>	<i><b>March 26</b></i>
Altar Guild	Jean Ruth (Cindy Ickler- Altar Rail Communion)	Jean Ruth	Ethel Brooks	Ethel Brooks
Liturgist: 8:15  10:45	Rev. Raymond Brooks (both services)	Scott Sundy  Ethel Brooks	Doug Tobias  Sandi Tobias	Joe Seker  Gordon Taylor
Lamb's Talk	Communion, No Lamb's Talk	George Karnes	Betsy Leppo	Dianne Schofield
Nursery: 8:15  10:45	Jo Lower Lucille Wilt  Cathy Baum Kendall Bankert	Barb Mickle Dianne Schofield  Doug Eakin Mary Herr	Sue Butler Joyce Klinger  Donna Ratulowski Jean Ruth	Sue Grubb Jady Conroy  Margie Creamer Kathy Miller
Ushers: 8:15  10:45	Jim Wertz*, Eric Rodgers, Scott Loomis, Scott Sundy, Brian Weller  Scott Bankert*, Jim Strausbaugh, Larry Miller, Cory Drabenstadt, Kristin Jensen <span style="float: right;">* denotes Head Usher</span>			
Coffee Fellowship	Adult Sunday School Class	Tuesday Morning Group	Chancel Choir	Adult Sunday School Class
Adult SS Teacher	Joe Seker	Joann Seker	John Mickle	Edna Brehm
Elective SS Teacher	Rodney Miller	Sharon Sheffer	Richard Creamer	Mary Strausbaugh
Counting Team	Wilma Rockey and Kathy Karnes			

### ***TEAM L TRIPLE H TO THE RESCUE***

***Bringing practical help to your doorstep - for free!***

Introducing Trinity's extension of "practical and handy folk". We have a group of people from our faith community at Trinity who are willing to volunteer time, skill and energy to help you with some of your practical needs. For fixing a wall, painting, mowing your lawn, sorting out a practical household issue, cleaning, vacuuming, etc., you can count on "Team L triple H".



Contact Mike Schofield.

**Cancellations  
due to weather  
will be reported on  
ABC 27, CBS 21,  
Facebook, and  
Trinity's Website**



### ***TRINITY BANNERS***

Do you know that Trinity has a “Banner Room”? That must mean that Trinity has a lot of banners to have a room full of banners, and that is true! There are many banners in the Banner Room to accompany the church year and themes of the year. We trust that the banners will appeal to your visual senses as you come into the holy worship space of Trinity sanctuary.

Charlie and Ada Bates, along with the youth of Trinity, made many banners over the years. Ada said her dining room table often had a banner-in-the-making on the table. Under the guidance of Ada Bates, Mary Lou Twigg and Jean Ruth recaptured the art of banner making at Trinity and made their first banner last year.

Thank you to Mary Lou and Jean for just completing their second banner to accompany this year’s theme, “A Journey to Higher Ground.” Habakkuk 3:19 – The sovereign Lord is my strength; He makes my feet like the feet of a deer. He enables me to go to the heights.



### ***MEN'S LENTEN BREAKFAST***

Are you a male who is hungry for both great food and thought-provoking devotional fellowship? Well, you are indeed blessed because we have all this and more for you starting Saturday, March 4 at 8 AM! This year's annual Men's Lenten Prayer Breakfast series, entitled "A Better Man", is designed to make us better men for those who matter in our lives...including ourselves!! Each Saturday during Lent we will meet at 8 AM in fellowship hall for great breakfast food and meaningful fellowship! So set your alarm and bring a friend or 10! We hope to see you there!

### ***NEW MEMBERS' CLASS***

New Member Classes will begin on Weds, March 8th, with supper at 6:00 PM. Those interested are requested to take a membership application form, which can be found on the office reception counter. Please return completed forms to the office on or before March 2nd. Please contact Pastor Arun if you have any questions.





## Reflections on Creation

March 2017

*"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being."*

*~ John 1:1-4 (NRSV)*

On a recent trip to California, I saw the hand of God everywhere we went. I saw it in the magnificent Pacific Ocean, with its sparkling blue water rippling in the wind and endless waves crashing against the rocks. I saw it in the spouting and surfacing of huge gray whales who were migrating south. I saw it in the great variety of bushes, trees, cacti and flowers which had adapted to the sandy soil and arid climate, and in the comically large, colorful beak of a toucan at the zoo.

I saw the hand of God in the mountains, where erosion and wind revealed layers of long-buried history. I saw it in the desert, where I was dive-bombed by a fierce little hummingbird flashing his brilliant purple throat, letting me know I was too close to his territory. I saw it in a surprising palm oasis in a desert canyon, sheltering an unexpected waterfall and brilliant green ferns!

I saw the hand of God from my airplane seat, looking down at topography too strange and too familiar all at the same time. What I'm used to seeing in miniature was now duplicated in a super-sized fashion over hundreds of miles, evidence of wind and the power of water and time... Same creator, same forces of nature, just on a different scale - the all-encompassing touch of a powerful God who designed our beautiful earth as our home.

I definitely felt the hand of God helping us as we struggled to deal with a lost wallet. Someone who will not be named felt that it would be a grand idea to throw himself down from the peak of a sand dune in a vast area of dunes being pummeled by driving winds. After picking up more speed than he ever imagined, he had to sit for awhile to regain his equilibrium. (I don't think this is a recommended activity for those out of childhood...) When he returned to where we were waiting, I mentioned that I was glad to see he had not lost his hearing aids. (Impetuosity does not have time to worry about such things!) He reached for his wallet when we were about 40 miles away from the dunes and we were faced with a question: Did he even have it with him that day? Our son was driving. It seemed pointless to turn back, in light of the wind and the uncertainty of finding anything in such a huge area. Fast forward through hours of phone calls and emails to cancel and replace lost cards and ID and worries that he would not be allowed to fly home... to the day we got home, only to find a phone message from Al, an old friend who had gotten a strange call from California to say a wallet had been found and Al's was the only phone number in it...!! God has such a great sense of humor. My prayer had been that, on the off chance that someone found the wallet, they might be honest enough not to steal the identity or the cards would be illegible. Instead, the woman who found it wouldn't even take money out of it to ship it back to PA. What a wonderful answer to prayer, over and above what seemed probable! God is good, **all** the time.

*For I am the Lord your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, do not fear; I will help you.*

*~Isaiah 41:13-14 (NIV)*

*Thank you, Lord, thank you so much for help in times of panic. Thank you for reminding me that you are all we need and with you all things are possible! Thank you for making such an incredibly beautiful place as America, and for revealing your great creativity to those who search. Amen. ~Jady Conroy*

# March 2017

## Choir & Bell Rehearsals:

Wednesdays  
6:30 PM Sing & Celebrate  
6:30-7:15 PM Sunshine Singers

Thursdays  
6:30-7:30 PM United Bells  
7:30 PM Chancel Choir

March 2017							April 2017						
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Feb 26 - Mar 4		Mar 5 - 11		Mar 12 - 18		Mar 19 - 25		Mar 26 - Apr 1	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday			
Feb 26	27	28	Mar 1	2	3	4			
			9:30am Strong Women (MO) 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service (S)	10:00am Sewing (YD)	9:00am Prayer Breakfast (Ickler's)	8:00am Men's Lenten Breakfast (FH)			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11			
10:45am Junior Church 6:00pm Youth Group (FH) 6:30pm Pray Shawl (karnes)	9:30am Strong Women (MO)	8:30am The Right Event (FH) 9:30am Tuesday Morning Group (SJ)	9:30am Strong Women (MO) 10:00am Staff Mtg (OC)			8:00am Men's Lenten Breakfast (FH) 8:30am Hbg Dist Lay Servant Class (Trinity)			
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10:45am Junior Church 6:00pm Youth Group (FH)	9:30am Strong Women (MO) 10:45am Grandparents in Prayer (SJ)	9:30am Tuesday Morning Group (SJ)	Tidings' Deadline 9:30am Strong Women (MO)	10:00am Sewing (YD)	7:00pm Youth Lock In (Trinity)	12:00am Youth Lock In (Trinity) 8:00am Men's Lenten Breakfast (FH) 1:00pm Private Party (FH)			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25			
9:30am Blood Pressures 10:45am Junior Church 6:00pm Youth Group (FH) 6:30pm Pray Shawl (karnes)	9:30am Strong Women (MO) 6:00pm Chancel Choir (The Woods)	9:30am Tuesday Morning Group (SJ)	9:30am Strong Women (MO)			8:00am Men's Lenten Breakfast (FH) 8:30am Hbg Dist Lay Servant Class (Trinity)			
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