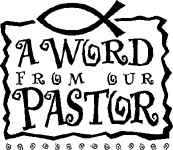




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Pastor’s Easter Message

*John 20:1-10*

Easter is a wonderful time for the church. Easter is unmistakably the most important celebration of the church year. Without a doubt there is simply no other time of year that has so much meaning for the Christian church. And we have much to celebrate this year. God has been good to Trinity. It is time for the church to come together in community to reflect on what God has done for us—how God has blessed us. We have come a long way through the often difficult passage of COVID-19. We are not home free quite yet, but we have made remarkable progress in the past year. It looks like our long night may soon be giving way to dawn. We won’t be completely back to normal by Easter, but we can see the daylight. We know that daylight will come, because as Christians we know that Easter always follows the darkness of Holy Saturday. So, after the contemplation and self-analysis of Lent we WILL move toward the joy of Easter. Easter is a time that Christians come together and worship the Risen Christ, worship in amazement of the resurrection of Christ, the Lord. That will be no different this year. We read in the 20th Chapter of John that the

Christ the Lord. That will be no different this year. We read in the 20th chapter of John that the

disciples learn that Jesus has disappeared from the tomb. They just could not understand what had just happened. But we know that over the following days they would eventually come to understand.

They had witnessed a new thing. We witness a renewal of that new thing each and every Easter morning. So, how should we respond to this new thing? We respond to the renewal that is Easter by redirecting our lives and strengthening our commitment to loving others. We realize on Easter that because Christ lives, we are forgiven. We are healed. We are transformed into new people. Because of that wonderful transformation we are all called to give thanks. As we celebrate Easter this year, let us dedicate ourselves to living our transformation. Give thanks to God for the renewal that Easter represents. Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!

Yours in Christ,

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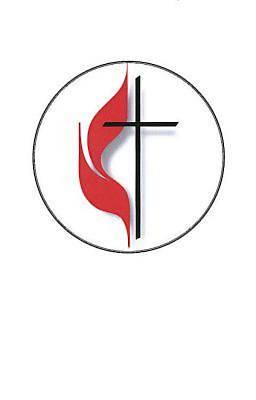
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AS OFTEN AS YOU CAN!

Peggy Bogart, Church Secretary

Head Usher: Harry Longshore

Choir Director: Jane Pollard

Organist: Eddie Welborn

Alternate Organist: Phyllis Sanders

Video Board: Josh Pitts, Caroline Senn, Bryan Waldrop

Acolytes/Cross Bearers Coordinator: Eli Martin

Newsletter Editor: Harriet Stevenson



We are a caring church and want to share your concerns. Let us know if you or someone you know would like to share a prayer request with us. We will be happy to pray for you. To add or remove names, contact Peggy Bogart, Church Secretary, Harriet Stevenson, Communications Chairperson, or Pastor Charles Wilbanks.

***Trinity Church Members****: Jane and Robert Pollard, James and Jeanette Poag, Cheryl Longshore, Shirley Berry, Jim Waldrop, Gloria Brehmer, Rebecca Bundrick,, Shin Wilbanks, Myrtle Longshore, Alice and John Longshore, Mary Forrest, Frieda Kesler*

***Family and friends of Trinity:*** *Robert Duffie, Blake Hendrix, Jennie O’Shields. Phillip Sanders, Neal and Irene Whatley, Eddie Fisk, Kathy Fails, Richard Douglas, Wilson Bowles, Charlotte Berry, Sal Welborn (White Oak), Harriet Connelly*

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8 – Joyce Suber 25 – Harriet Stevenson

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10 – Wayne Black

12 – Roger Longshore

13 – June Pitts



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2 - Steve Morris 15- Bridget Bouknigtt

5 – Mia Kate Brehmer 17 – Suzana Pruitt

7- Foster Senn 19- Lauryn Wilson

8 - Terry Woodward 22- James Poag

10- Henry Senn 22- Melissa Spicer

11- Sylvia Holmes 28- Nancy Pitts

11- Diane Waldrop

13- Charlie Rogers





***COMMUNITY WIDE***

***EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA***

***Births DRIVE BY***

***SATURDAY, APRIL 3 – 10-11 AM***

*James Marion Pitts, son of Zach and Brandi Pitts In front of* ***TRINITY***

*Born, July 4, 2020 Just bring your basket, hold outside your window and receive eggs and other goodies.*

*Jed Daniel Brehmer, son of Lance and Kaitlyn Brehmer If you feel comfortable, get out and have your*

*and little brother to Mia Kate, born October 7, 2020 picture made with Easter backdrop. We*

*will provide masks and hand sanitizer or*

***Adoptions*** *wear your own mask! Invite your friends!*

*Wyatt Lee Pitts, adopted by Josh and Erin Pitts on February 22, 2021.*

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| **METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP (MYF**) – Josh and Erin Pitts, Leaders  Burks Chapel UMC :: Ministries  The MYF will have their monthly meetings on the second and fourth Sundays of March, March 14th and March 28th. They will meet at the church at 5:30 p.m. The MYF collected $47.00 and a huge box full of non-perishable food items for the **Souper Bowl of Caring**. All donations will go to the **Pomaria Food Bank**. The youth will be delivering these donations and volunteering at the Food Bank. Donations were down this year due to COVID-19 but the items received will be a blessing to many. Thank you to all who made donations. |

We will continue to have in-person services at Trinity each Sunday. We are averaging around 20 people each week. Now that many have received the Covid vaccination and the numbers are beginning to come down, we hope to start getting back to a new normal at Trinity in the near future and seeing more and more members returning to in person worship. We wear masks and conform to social distancing. The only way to know if you feel comfortable attending is to join us one Sunday and find out. If you do not feel comfortable attending in person at this time, we are continuing to live stream our services on the Trinity UMC Facebook page and encourage you to join us there. In person and live streaming is at 11:00 a.m. If you miss the 11:00 a.m. service, you can always go back and view it at any time.

Pastor C harles continues to live stream his morning message, Seeds of Faith, Monday through Saturday mornings on the Trinity UMC Facebook page.Until we are all together again, we hope you will continue to support the church with your offerings and tithes. If you are not worshipping in our sanctuary, please send your support to the church (1160 Trinity Church Rd., Newberry). If you have any questions, contact the pastor at (803) 206-4623. ***Page 3***



**ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL WILL MEET MONDAY, MARCH 1st and MONDAY, APRIL 12TH AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE CHURCH SANCTUARY. PLEASE WEAR MASKS AND CONFORM TO 6 FT. SOCIAL DISTANCING.**

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN DATE: March meeting will be the 1st Monday in March.**

**Calendar for**  **and**  **2021**

**March 1 Meeting of Trinity Administrative Council – 6:30 p.m.**

March 5 World Day of Prayer

March 4 UMCOR Sunday

March 14 Daylight Saving Time Starts at 2:00 a.m.

**March 14 MYF meets at church @ 5:30 p.m.**

March 17 St. Patrick’s Day

**March 18 United Methodist Women – 6:00 p.m.in Sanctuary**

March 20 First Day of Spring

March 27 Passover Begins

**March 28 Palm Sunday – Service at 11:00 a.m.**

**March 28 MYF meets at church @ 5:30 p.m**.

**April 1 Maundy Thursday – Service at 7:00 p.m.**(also live-streamed)

**April 3 Easter Eggstravaganza Drive By at Trinity – 10:00-11:00 a.m.**

**April 2**  **Good Friday – Service at 7:00 p.m.** (also live-streamed)

**April 4 Easter Sunday – Service at 11:00 a.m.**(also live-streamed)

**April 4 Confirmation Sunday**

**April 4 Baptism of James Marion Pitts**

April MYF dates TBA

**April 12 Meeting of Trinity Administrative Council – 6:30 p.m.**



**Cultivating Kindness**

Kind hearts are the gardens.

Kind thoughts are the roots.

Kind words are the flowers.

Kind deeds are the fruits.

Take care of your garden

and keep out the weeds.

Fill it with sunshine,

kind words and kind deeds. **Spring Forward at 2:00 AM on March 14**

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## holyweek_22031c When Is Holy Week?

Here are the dates for Holy Week for 2021:

**Sunday, March 28 - Saturday, April 3.**[Easter](https://www.crosswalk.com/special-coverage/easter/when-is-easter.html)is on Sunday, April 4.

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| **Important Dates of Lent** | **Significance** | **2021 Dates** |
| **Palm Sunday** | Celebrates Jesus's triumphant entry into Jerusalem | **March 28, 2021 -11:00 a.m. Service at Trinity** |
| Holy Week | The week leading up to Easter | March 28 - April 3, 2021  NOTE: Holy Week does not include Easter |
| **Maundy Thursday** | Commemorates the foot washing and Last Supper of Jesus Christ with the Apostles | **April 1, 2021- 7:00 p.m. Service at Trinity** |
| Good Friday | Commemorates the [crucifixion of Jesus](https://www.crosswalk.com/special-coverage/easter/www.crosswalk.com/faith/10-things-every-christian-should-know-about-the-cross.html) and his death at Calvary | April 2, 2021 |
| Holy Saturday | Commemorates Jesus' body resting in the tomb | April 3, 2021 |
| **Easter Sunday** | Celebrates the resurrection of Jesus from the dead and his victory over sin and death. Easter Sunday is  not a part of Holy Week. | **April 4, 2021- 11:00 a.m. Service at Trinity** |

**What is Holy Week?**



The Sunday immediately preceding Easter Sunday. Palm Sunday commemorates the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and begins the series of observances focusing on the events of Holy Week. This Sunday is also often referred to as Passion Sunday, marking the beginning of the passion or suffering of Jesus leading to and including the crucifixion.

**We will celebrate Palm Sunday during our 11:00 a.m. service on March 28.**

On Holy, or Maundy, Thursday, in an upper room, Jesus and His disciples shared the Last Supper. On this day, Jesus washed the feet of His disciples, and broke break with them for the last time. The bread broken and the wine shared represented the body and blood of Christ, to be broken and shed for the disciples, and all of us. During the meal, Jesus predicted His betrayal by one of them, and Peter’s denial.

Maundy, in Latin means "commandment". On that Thursday Jesus gave His disciples a new commandment, which is why we use the term Maundy today. The word in this context is used by Jesus after He washes the feet of His friends.***“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you are also to love one another.” -*** [**John 13:34**](http://www.biblestudytools.com/nas/john/13-34.html)No one knew love like the **sacrificial** and **selfless** love of Jesus before the cross. Thus, this was a new commandment to love sacrificially and selflessly. **We will observe Maundy Thursday with Communion on April 1 at 7:00 p.m.**

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Good Friday was the last day of Jesus’ life on earth before His resurrection. He was betrayed by Judas, as predicted, and denied by Peter, as predicted. His disciples scattered. He was arrested and was placed on trial falsely. He was condemned, beaten, mocked, and required to carry His own cross to the place where He was crucified and died. “The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head.” Though he was offered something to dull the physical pain, Jesus refused. He chose to face the pain of death head on. They stripped Him of His clothes and cast lots for them, fulfilling another prophecy.

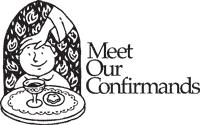
Two prisoners were crucified alongside Jesus. One mocked Him, but the other said, “‘*Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.’ Jesus answered him, ‘Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise’*” ([Luke 23:39-43](http://www.biblestudytools.com/luke/passage/?q=luke+23:39-43)). Amidst the most cruel, unfair, unjust, and painful death a human body could endure, Jesus chose to respond in grace to the criminal beside Him and care for His mother and best friend. “*When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, ‘Woman, here is your son,’ and to the disciple, ‘Here is your mother*’” ([John 19:25-27](http://www.biblestudytools.com/john/passage/?q=john+19:25-27)). At noon, Jesus cried out ***“***[***Father, into your hands I commit my spirit,***](https://www.biblestudytools.com/luke/23-46.html)***”*** and died. Jesus was taken down from the cross, wrapped in linens, and placed in a tomb.

Why we call the worst Friday good - God was at work on Good Friday, doing his **greatest good** in man’s most horrible evil. *“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”*-[Romans 8:28](http://www.biblestudytools.com/romans/8-28.html) *and again, “He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all- how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?”*-[Romans 8:32](http://www.biblestudytools.com/romans/8-32.html)

**We will observe Good Friday on April 2 at 7:00 p.m.**

Easter Sunday or Resurrection Sunday is the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus from the tomb on the third day after his crucifixion. Easter is the fulfilled prophecy of the Messiah who would be persecuted, die for our sins, and rise on the third day. ([Isaiah 53](https://www.biblestudytools.com/isaiah/53.html)). Remembering the resurrection of Jesus is a way to renew daily hope that we have victory over sin. According to the New Testament, Easter is three days after the death of Jesus on the cross. Easter is a very significant date within Christianity and is the foundation of the Christian faith. Jesus, the Son of God, fulfilled prophecy and through his death, has given the gift of eternal life in heaven to those who believe in his death and resurrection. Read the entire Biblical account of Resurrection Day in [Matthew 28](https://www.biblestudytools.com/matthew/28.html), [Mark 16](https://www.biblestudytools.com/mark/16.html), and [Luke 24](https://www.biblestudytools.com/luke/24.html). **We will celebrate his resurrection during our 11:00 a.m. service on April 4.**

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United Methodists use the term "confirmation" to mark the first time a baptized Christian publicly "confirms" their intention to live the vows of the baptismal and membership covenant and so becomes a professing member of the local congregation and The United Methodist Church. We are proud of our confirmands who have received their training for this special day from Pastor Wilbanks. Our confirmands are: **Kella Battiste, Noah Mohler, Dalton Morris, Isabel Martin, C.J.Griffin, Kruz Bouknight, and Olivia Martin**

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Congratulations to **Caroline Senn** and the Newberry Academy Girls Basketball team for winning the SCHISA 1-A State Championship on Friday, February 26. Their head coach is **Barry Kesler** who grew up here at Trinity. **Caroline** is the daughter of **Foster and Sharon Senn**. **Barry** is the son **of Craig Kesler**. We are so proud! Also, congratulations to the boys for making it to the state championship game and falling only a few points short. Good job by all!







The Trinity Cemetery Committee consists of Wilson Senn, Chairman; Josh Pitts, Phyllis Sanders and Robert Pollard. This committee has begun work to update all of the Trinity cemetery records. You should have received a letter and survey regarding this recently. **Please return your survey as soon as possible telling us the location of your burial spaces** so that we may continue to update our cemetery information. Going forward in 2021, prices for burial spaces in the Trinity Cemetery are listed below.

For Members of Trinity:

$125.00 for a single burial space and $250.00 for two burial spaces side by side which shall be referred to as a plot.

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For family (non-members) of Trinity members:

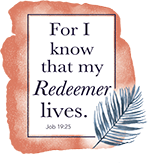
$250.00 for a single burial space and $500.00 for two burial spaces side by side which shall be referred to as a plot.

For individuals not associated with Trinity:

$375.00 for a single burial space and $750.00 for two burial spaces side by side which shall be referred to as a plot..

We will be including with the newsletter each month, though separately, the latest Treasurer’s Report and Administrative Council meeting minutes. Please do not share this information with non-members. We will also list any memorials or honorariums which have been received (names only). This will keep you more informed of what is happening at Trinity.

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