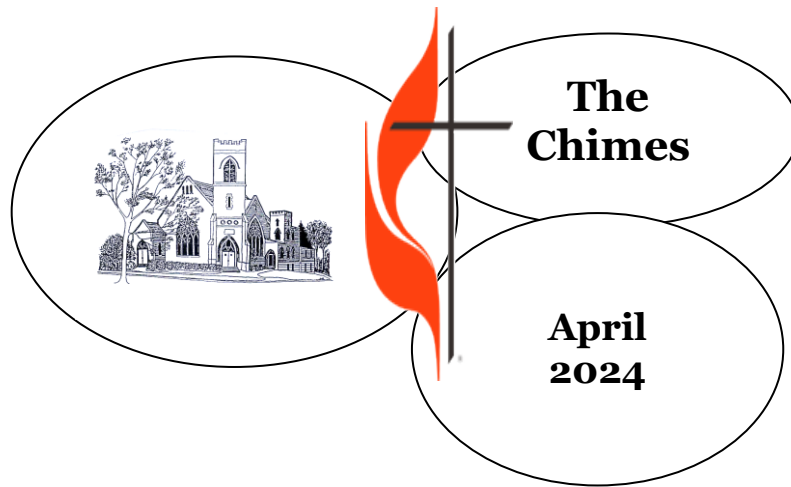


Trinity United Methodist Church
75 East High Street, Mount Gilead, Ohio 43338



United
Women
in Faith

1 Combined Worship Service
4/7 10:00 a.m.



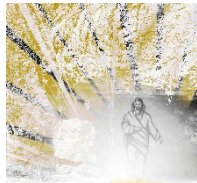


Message
from the
Pastor

Pastor's Pen

Easter was early this year, March 31st. The celebration of the Cross and Jesus' Resurrection at "Easter" occurs each year based on the cycle of the moon. (Easter is observed on the Sunday following the first full moon after the vernal equinox). So, Easter doesn't fall on a set date like Christmas which is December 25th each year. Regardless of the date we focus on the Cross and Jesus' suffering and death for our sins and His resurrection from the dead to give us new and eternal life.

What I would like to do in this Pastor's Pen is to look ahead to sermons I am going to share on April 14th, 21st and 28th. Because the United Women In Faith ladies group traditionally is in charge of the service the Sunday after Easter (this year April 7th), I will then share 3 messages that continue to focus on the Resurrection. The first message on the 14th is entitled: "*Easter is Over, Now What?*" I will reflect on the fact that every day is "Easter" and we can remember and celebrate the new life we have in Christ because Jesus rose from the dead. (Including our own resurrection one day and heaven itself.) On the 21st I will share a message that lays out in minute detail the evidence for the Resurrection. As Paul said in 1 Corinthians 15. "If Christ is not risen, then we are to be pitied", why? Because we are believing and proclaiming a lie. And thus everything about the Christian faith stands or falls on the Resurrection. On the last Sunday of April, I will focus on Thomas who insisted on "seeing" the nail marks on Jesus' body in order to believe. I will talk about Thomas' doubt in a light that does not make it overly "bad" but rather a steppingstone to the truth. Because Thomas, when he saw the evidence that Jesus had risen, responded: "My Lord and my God!" Doubt can become a good thing when we remain open to the truth as it is revealed to us.



Jesus
is alive

So be ready to focus on the Resurrection of our Lord beyond Easter this year.

God Bless,
Pastor Jeff

Missions Committee Update

Plans are being made for the third annual Midwest Mission Rice Meal Prep Day some time in summer 2024. If you have participated in this event before, you know it requires many hands to bring it to fruition. Along those lines we are seeking a handful of individuals to volunteer to drive to and from Midwest Mission to pick up supplies and then return the completed packets. Missions will reimburse drivers for gasoline. If you are interested or want to know more, please email Christy Egler at clekler28@hotmail.com.

Please keep collecting and bringing in your plastic grocery bags for the sleeping map projects the United Women of Faith are initiating. A special thank you to Gary Begeman, Tom Cotton, and Mike Jackson for building the loom to be used for weaving the mats.


The Chosen Video Series

We will be watching the Chosen series. The dates for February are: 4/7 & 4/21 in Trinity Hall from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.



Light refreshments will be provided.

United Women of Faith Sunday – We will

 United Women in Faith **have only one worship service on Sunday, 4/7 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Sanctuary. The women will be in charge of the worship service. **Coffee Connection will be at 9:00 a.m.** in Trinity Hall.

Office Hours – Pastor Jeff and Denise will be on vacation 4/6 - 4/13. Mary Kay Myers will be in the church office on 4/8 – 4/12 from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.



Please contact the church office during this time if you have a need arise.



The American Red Cross Bloodmobile was here on 3/4. 21 Units were collected with the possibility of helping 63 patients. Thank you for giving!



PRAYER CONCERNS

Trinity members and friends who have been in our prayers the past month.....

New Prayer Concerns: Sue Barnett, Dennis Geyer, Breanna Hoover, Kyle Hoover, Macy Lancaster, Terri Manthey, Hannah McMurray, Wilma Neuhart, Sue Nichols, Don & Marilyn Rhodebeck, Ashley Simpkins & Family, Lori Smith, Tornado Victims

Ongoing Prayer: Phyllis Bell, Bill Brucker, Harold Bush, Ken Carroll, Jim Christian, Marcia Cooper, Annilissa Corwin, Jim Currier, Barb Detwiler, Mike Egler, Dorothy Holbrook, Brian Hoover, Gale Graham, Steve Job, Ruth Logan, Ben Lowry, Melissa Mabe, Frances McPeak, Cindy Scohy, Steve Strobel, Lacie Wallace, Mel Zender, Unspoken Requests, Civilians serving overseas.

Military: Curt Belohlavek, Troy Hill, Eric Mann & all other military personnel around the world

Nursing Home Residents & Shut-Ins: Carlotta Blair, Mary Dianne George, Pat Irons, Ruth Logan, Bob Willeke

Missionaries: D. Yang [Laos], Sara Flores [Ecuador], Willie Berman [Mexico]

Our Trinity Family wishes to extend prayers to the following families in the loss of a loved one this past month: Ed Nesbit, Kevin Berry, Preston Burge

TRINITY ATTENDANCE

DATE	SUNDAY SCHOOL	8:30 AM	10:30 AM	TOTAL
03/03/2024	37	28	56	84
03/10/2024	43	26	54	80
03/17/2024	37	29	50	79
03/24/2024	-	21	62	83
03/31/2024				

COMMUNITY COMMUNITY DINNER



Wednesday, April 17th 5:00-6:45 pm

Chicken and Roasted Potatoes. Meals Include: vegetable, choice of

salad, roll, dessert and drink. Dinners are \$12.00 per person. Children 10 & under free. Carry out available. Thank you everyone for your help and support!



TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY AT SAMES & COOK 2:00 - 3:00 pm

40 Lives in 40 Days
by John MacArthur



God has often used everyday people - imperfect men and women who had the same struggles we experience today - to accomplish His might purposes, including the most might purpose of all: sharing the good news of the gospel.

40 Lives in 40 Days revisits favorite character studies from John MacArthurs's works to provide new insights into the Bible's heroes of the faith.

This study is on Tuesdays from 2:00 – 3:00 pm. Come and join us!

- April 9:** *Enoch* (Genesis 5:24)
Joseph (Genesis 50:20)
- April 16:** *Miriam* (Exodus 15:20)
Gideon (Judges 6:12)
- April 23:** *Samson* (Judges 16:28)
Jonathan (1 Samuel 23:17)
- April 30:** *Jonah* (Jonah 1:3)
Esther (Esther 4:14)

POSITIONS AVAILABLE



Job Openings

Staff Parish Relations continues to search and advertise for candidates for three part-time positions at the church:

1. Director of Children's and Youth Programs
2. Pianist/Organist/Accompanist
3. Child Care Provider.

If you know of anyone who might fit any of these openings, please let them know to notify the church office. For more information, call Noni Wheeler – (740) 815-1768

Food Pantry Needs

Listed here are the items of need in the coming months at the Cardington Food Pantry. If you can't donate the specific item requested in a particular month, feel free to give whatever you can.

April 2024
Dish soap / Brillo pads

May 2024
Men & Women's Deodorant

The donation box is next to the elevator on the lower level.

Every item donated makes a difference!



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH NEWS

“Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning. Great is your faithfulness.” Lamentations 3:22-23 (NIV)



We have a Savior with us every second of every day, everywhere. He is faithful to us, and all we have to do is believe and obey Him. It sure seems simple, doesn't it?

We held our UWF Meeting on March 11 at 2:00 p.m. in the Community Room. Della Mosier gave the Devotion on Hospitality, and she asked the Ladies what ways that the Church shows Hospitality to everyone.

There was a discussion on the sponsorship of a Mt. Gilead Softball/Baseball Team this Year on behalf of the Church. Last year's Church Sponsorship Team was very happy to wear the shirts with the Church's name on them.

The Program for Trinity's UWF Sunday on April 7 is being finalized. Vince Brown has graciously agreed to give the Message for us that day. There will only be one Service at 10:00, and we are looking forward to this special day.

The new West Plains District is holding its first UWF Spring District Meeting on April 6 at Lakeside United Methodist Church. Judy Kidder, President of East Ohio Conference UWF, will be the Speaker, along with Rev. Charles Yoost of Lakeside's Religious Life and Pastoral Care. Lakeside is, also, celebrating the Eclipse that weekend, so there are a lot of festivities happening.

Our UWF Missions include serving women and children of the Community. So, our Ladies have decided to donate gently used pairs of shoes to the Snuggled In Hope Quilts Shoe Drive from March 1 through April 30. (The Group makes quilts that are given to the Campers at Flying Horse Farms.) They will sell the donations and use the monies to purchase sewing supplies. Their Goal is to collect 2,500 pairs of shoes, boots, or sandals altogether at the First Presbyterian Church here in Mount Gilead. We will have a box marked shoes at the Church, so you can drop off your donation

anytime that you are in the Building. Thank you for your support of this Project.

*May God Bless,
Noni Wheeler, President
Trinity United Women In Faith*

THANK YOU SO MUCH!!



A big thank you to everyone who remembered my Son-In-Law, Mike Ventry, in your prayers. He is doing better after his four bypasses, and he is able to walk around his home, including doing stairs.

He had a second stay in the hospital since his blood pressure dropped when he tried to stand. The Doctors made adjustments to his medicine, and it really helped him with his mobility.

Prayers really work. Thank you all, again.

*May God Bless,
Noni Wheeler*

Lay Servant Training - West Plains District Lay Servant Training will be held on Saturday, 6/1 from 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. at First UMC in Ashland. Brochures are on the table with the bulletins and in the church office.



Rummage Sale – Easter is early this year and we hope SPRING is too! It's time for warmer temps, more sunshine, less wind and our church Rummage Sale!

Please mark your calendar for the sale May 9th & 10th from 9 am – 4 pm and May 11th from 9 am to noon. Drop off begins on Thursday, May 2nd from 8 am – 3 pm and continues daily until Tuesday, May 7th. **There is no drop-off** on Wednesday, May 8th.

Start now to clear clutter from you home...one drawer or closet at a time! Pass it on! We take your "stuff" you no longer want or need and turn it into treasures for people to purchase at bargain price. Come shop with us too – we have something for everyone!

Start now to fill a bag or a box with clean stuff! Sorry on TV's, large appliances or exercise equipment.

~ Sandy Snyder

Trustees Moments

Hello Trinity!

Spring is here! Praise God!



The elevator has been the topic of the month. We have good news. The Trustee, Finance and Administrative Council committees have all done their jobs and we now are securing the funds to update the elevator with new electronic controls and hydraulic components to fully update the system to operate correctly. We were able to fund the entire project by using the church endowments to legally fund the project through an emergency use clause within the rules. The only topic under consideration not yet completed is the pay back portion. We are expecting the monies to be available this week to schedule the project with Mosley Elevator out of Plain City, Ohio by weeks end. Praise the Lord!

The Center Street entrance door issue is moving along. We have secured an estimate from Callahan Door, Lexington and another is expected in short order from Division 8 Glass LLC, Marion. Division 8 is still looking into the possibility of repairing the old lock mechanism.

Please continue praying for Trinity.

Gary Begeman, Chairman

From Finance Committee

This is an effort to bring everyone up to date on recent events regarding the repair of the elevator. The following actions have taken place.



Trustees asked the Finance Committee to secure funds for the repair of the elevator. The repair was/is considered an emergency and should be started as soon as possible. After Trustees had received estimates for repair and chose which bid/estimate was most desirable. The contractor chosen for repair was Moseley Elevator with a bid of \$174,900.

Discussions on how to secure the funding took place and a resolution was passed by Finance Committee at their meeting on March 12, 2024, to borrow from our Endowment Funds to finance

the repair. In accordance with the Finance Committee's Policy and Procedure Manual this procedure is outlined, and the steps were followed. There were no negative votes to oppose this action.

Following the guidelines the resolution needed to be presented to Administrative Council for final approval before any further action could be taken. The resolution was presented to the Administrative Council at their meeting on March 19, 2024. Discussion followed with questions answered with the information currently available. Resolution was and passed with no negative votes.

Plans to run a Building Loan (Elevator) repayment campaign are in the process and more detailed information will be forthcoming. Anyone wishing to get a head start may make donations to the Building Fund at any time.

The elevator is an essential part of the operation, the mission and the open-door policy for Trinity United Methodist Church. We will see the importance of the elevator when we experience the lack of it during repair/renovation which at this time is estimated to be 4 to 5 weeks with the start date yet to be determined.

Questions you may have can be directed to Tom Cotton, Bob Smith or Gary Begeman.

Thank you for being part of the Trinity UMC family!

Tom Cotton

Chair of Finance



NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Because of our Child Protection Policy, we need 2 people in the nursery during the Sunday school hour and during the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

Please contact the church office if you are able to help during either of these times at trinityumc@redbird.net or 419-947-6040. There are also sign-up sheets in the nursery. Thanks to all those who volunteered in the nursery: Gary Begeman, Tom Cotton, Christy Egler, Marlene Lancaster, Cheryl Young, Alberta Stojkovic, Becky Maggs and Theresa Walsh.

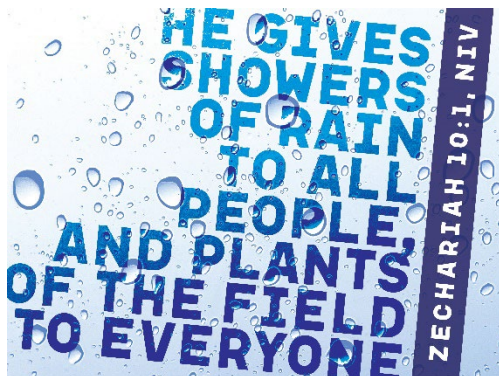
2024 Altar Flowers Sign up Calendar.

The Altar flower sign-up sheet for 2024 is hanging up and is located in the hall next to the workroom. Make sure you write who is purchasing the flowers and who they are "In Memory of" or "In Honor of". **The cost of the flowers is \$35.** Please mark "Altar Flowers" in memo line of your check made out to Trinity UMC. The church office orders flowers for anyone who has signed up the week before the Sunday they are for. **If you decide to get them yourself at another florist, please let the church office know in advance.** Thank you!



"Energize with Exercise" - will include stretching, free weights, bands and floor exercises. The class will be with Allen Stojkovic and is open to the public. There

is no charge, donations can be made for use of the building. Classes will be at 7 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays. Bring a friend and get some energy with low impact exercise.



REIMBURSEMENT VOUCHERS



If you make any authorized purchases for the church, please return the **original receipt** and a completed Voucher to the church office within **one month** of the purchase. This will insure that you receive your reimbursement on time and it also helps the church keep its accounts up to date and accurate. Blank Vouchers are available in the church office.

SPECIAL EVENTS AND USE OF FACILITIES



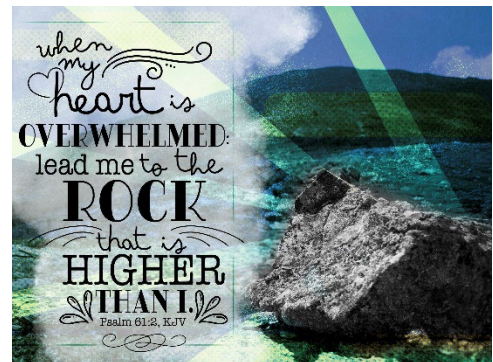
We are fortunate to have a facility that is busy through the year. If you plan to hold a special event, work session or other function in the church, **please make sure to check availability of date and time with the church office** as far in advance as possible. A Building Use form may need to be completed and returned for approval and signature by the Trustee Committee. The forms are available in the church office or may be emailed by the office at your request. Your cooperation in this process helps everyone coordinate use of the facility. Thank you!

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM



Trinity is part of the Kroger Community Rewards program. Just by using your Kroger plus card when you shop at Kroger, they will make a donation to our church. Our most recent check was **\$162.20**. To sign up go online at www.kroger.com/community and register your Kroger Plus Card. You will need to enter Trinity's number **#RH570** and your email address.

Thank you for supporting this program and Trinity UMC!



GOD'S SERVANTS – April 2024



April 2024	8:30 am Greeters	8:30 am Call to Worship Readers	8:30 am Scripture Readers
7	Combined	Service	10:00
14	Gary & Carol Begeman	Gary Begeman	Gary Begeman
21		Noni Wheeler	Mary Fuller
28	Mary Fuller	Mary Fuller	Rod Clinger

April 2024	10:30 am Greeters	10:30 am Call to Worship Readers	10:30 am Scripture Readers
7	United Women	In Fath	Sunday
14	Juanita Piercy & Suzy Piercy	Jim Patterson	Allen Stojkovic
21	Juanita Piercy & Suzy Piercy	Tom Cotton	Donna Jackson
28	Jill Richardson & Evelyn Shoults	Jill Richardson	Della Mosier

April 2024	9:30 am Nursery Volunteers	10:30 am Nursery Volunteers	Altar Flowers (\$35.00)
7	10:00 Combined Service	Volunteer Needed	Suzy Piercy
14	Gary Begeman	Gary Begeman	
21	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	
28	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	

10:30 am Ushers: Merrill Brucker, Dennis Richardson, Denny Hill, Glenn Hayes



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