



The Lamplighter

Trinity United Church of Christ

February, March, April 2021

Dear Members and Friends of Trinity United Church of Christ –



The New Year is here!! I have to believe that 2021 will be the year we return to worshipping, gathering, serving, and celebrating our faith in-person! It's clear from the conversations I've had with some of you, these activities are some of those that have been desperately missed! Others include: vacations, family gatherings and celebrations, sporting events, eating out in restaurants, Grange Fair, graduations, weddings, and yes, even funerals. I'm sure this isn't everything, but it's clear these are many of things we've been missing. As I look through old photos of better times we've been together, it fills me with hope and excitement at the prospect of returning to some sense of normalcy.

By the time we're all together again, we'll have a lot to make up for. This past year has proven the value of our



sacred traditions, the importance of community, and how quickly our lives can change. So many of the things we *think* are within our control simply are not. As a result, we must be cautious about not taking these things for granted.



With this in mind, I've been doing some thinking about how best for us to celebrate as a church when we finally gather once again. What will we do when we no longer have to worry about masks, hand sanitizer, or social distancing and just enjoy one another's company? With that in mind, I'd like to get your thoughts

about it. What have you missed most, and what would you like to do once we return? I know for me, having a time of celebration that includes Holy Communion is near the top of my list. I also think about Youth Group meetings, planning for a mission trip, visiting our shut-ins, recognizing our confirmands, Sunday School classes, and food, lots of food – potlucks, soup dinners, town-wide yard sale food stands, and strawberry socials...yum!



So what is it you have missed? Tell me your favorites, perhaps some memorable story from a previous gathering, or what you would like to see happen first. Then once I have a good idea of what you are thinking, I will share these things with you in our next newsletter. If you're willing, I'd even like to share some of your stories in my upcoming weekly messages, but you can let me know about that later – I'm just

(continued next page)

Trinity United Church of Christ, 104 N. Pennsylvania Avenue,
PO Box 212, Centre Hall PA 16828

* Pastor David Downer *

* 814-364-2120 (church office) *

* 814-349-8214 (Pastor Dave's home telephone) *

* E-mail address: trinityuccentrehall@gmail.com *

* Website: www.trinitycentrehall.org *

Facebook: Trinity United Church of Christ

anxious to hear from more of you! Maybe you think I'm beginning to go a little stir-crazy...and it's quite possible you are right. I'm pretty sure I am not alone in that however. I suppose what I'm really trying to say is: ***I can't wait to see you all again!***



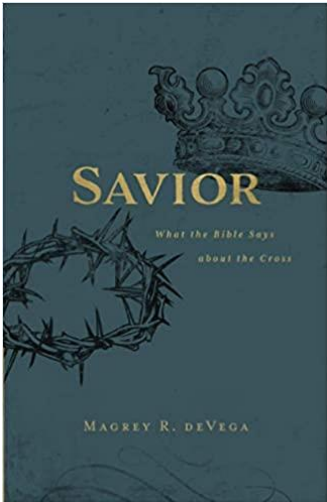
Peace and Blessings,
Pastor Dave

LENTEN PLANNING and DATES

Lent begins this year on February 17th with Ash Wednesday. Pastor Dave is preparing some Lenten services this year while complying with the social distancing and protection protocols we've been following. Some of the services will be offered via live streaming on Zoom, others will be recorded and posted. As always, written copies of these services will be available for mailing to those requesting them, as will DVDs for those wishing to watch on their DVD players at home.

February 17:	Ash Wednesday	February 21:	First Sunday in Lent	February 28:	Second Sunday in Lent
March 7:	Third Sunday in Lent	March 14:	Fourth Sunday in Lent	March 21:	Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 28:	Palm Sunday	April 1:	Maundy Thursday	April 2:	Good Friday
April 3:	Holy Saturday	April 4:	Easter		

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY



Pastor Dave will be offering a Lenten study similar to the one offered during Advent. This study will be using the book, *Savior – What the Bible Says about the Cross*, by Magrey R. deVega. The classes will be held remotely on Thursday evenings beginning at 6:30 p.m. and concluding no later than 8:00 p.m. The first class will be on Thursday, February 25th.

Following is a brief summary of what participants can expect:

All of us deal with times of doubt in our lives where our faith is challenged. This book focuses on one of the central symbols of our faith: the work of Jesus on the cross. Specifically, we'll be addressing what Jesus's dying on the cross means. What exactly did Jesus do to save us from our sins? Why was the cross necessary, and what does it mean to us today? What is it about the way Jesus died that offers salvation for us? Why did Jesus do what he did, and what does that mean for us? And how can answers to these questions help us as our faith stretches and grows? Throughout history, the church has developed numerous answers to these questions under the broad theological term *atonement*. No single image or framework can possibly capture

a mystery as great as Jesus's death on the cross, so we'll be examining several of them.

This book will not only be useful for anyone who wishes to understand the meaning of Jesus's death, but also particularly helpful for anyone whose life situation is prompting a "crisis of faith" in relation to Jesus and the cross.

Please contact Pastor Dave or the church office if you have questions or to sign up for this study. Since the study will be hosted on the Zoom platform, participants can either participate via the internet, or by calling in on their home phones (audio only). Each participant will receive the book, *Savior – What the Bible Says about the Cross*.

CHURCH RECORD

Deaths

Betty A. Burd, on November 20, 2020; Betty is survived by her son Charles L. Hook and his wife Elizabeth, her son-in-law Dale Wilt, Jr., and her grandchildren Nevin Wilt, Joshua Wilt, and Ashley Benner.

Ronald R. Sweitzer, on November 22, 2020; Ron is survived by his wife, Denise Sweitzer, and sons R. Richard Sweitzer and his wife Victoria, and Ryan R. Sweitzer and his wife Laura, step-brother James Crozier and his wife Pat, and five grandchildren: Kelsey, Colby, Landon, Hailey, and Wyatt.

Wade H. Reeser, on December 24, 2020. Wade is survived by his parents Floyd and Elizabeth Reeser, his brother Kenneth Reeser, and his sister Erin Rubio and her husband Miguel.

THANKS AND APPRECIATION

...to Pastor Dave, Terri Downer, Scott Frazier, Peggy Treaster, Carol Smith, Jason, Jessye and Ella Smith and Aidan Kane for their contributions to the virtual weekly worship services

...to Rhonda and Bob Rumbaugh, Joyce Barner, Lynnette Breon, Lisa Campbell, Ardranna Henry, the Angela and Richard Auman Family, and the Laura and Chuck Romig Family for lighting the weekly Advent candles

...to all who volunteered to serve on committee/ministry groups for the coming year

...to Tammy and Steve Besecker, and Tammy's mother, for the Christmas wreaths placed on the church doors

...to Kirk and Lynnette Breon, Terri Downer, Mike Frazier, Rhonda Rumbaugh, Jason and Jessye Smith, Dorothy Strickler, and Nancy Wagner for participating the virtual choir during Advent

...to all who purchased gifts from the SALT Angel Tree, and Rod Barner for assembling the bicycle prior to delivery

...to Bob Henry for installing the carbon monoxide detectors in the rental property, parsonage, and church

...to everyone who continues to send their offering to the church

...to Terri Downer for creating the SignUpGenius® registration for the SALT Angel tree

...Larry and Lisa Campbell for purchasing the wrapping paper for the Angel tree gifts

...to those who continue to provide food items for the Centre Hall/Potter Township Food Pantry

From Denise Sweitzer and Family –

To Salt Committee –
Thank you for the gas cards and glad they went to someone who will need and can use them.
God Bless You All!

Special thanks to the church for all the food; that was wonderful – food, napkins, paper cups, plates, meal tray, macaroni salad, rolls. Special thanks to Joyce Barner and Beverly Guyer for delivering the items.

Thank you to everyone for their thoughts & prayers, food, cards, & phone calls from our wonderful church family.
Ron loved you all, as I also do.

Our hearts were blessed by your thoughtfulness.

Are you or a loved one desiring a visit from the pastor?

Please contact Pastor Dave if you desire communion at home or would like him to call or visit you at home, in the hospital, or another location.

Pastor Dave's contact information is:

Office – 364-2120, Mobile – 703-403-2353, Email – trinityuccpastordave@gmail.com.

PLEASE REMEMBER THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Glenda Abrams	Lance Arney	Zoey Bair	Denny Beckenbaugh	Cim Besecker
Barb Bradford	Kaelynn Bressler	Hunter Bristow & Family	Carol Brown	Bobbi Chard
T. J. Coursen	Hank Cramer	*Marie Crater	Bonnie Davis	Erin, Austin, Conner Derr
Charles Dreibelbis	*Jean Dunklebarger	Kellie Eichler	Gracie Eisenhower	Jim & Tanya Evans
*Trudy Furner	Bonnie Graziose	*Mary Hardy	*John Hayes	Nancy Heaton
Megan Henry	Patricia Hess	Janet Houser	Josh Lawrence	Olivia Lewis
Gina Lucas	Diane Matter	Peter McDevitt	Joshua Miller	Paige Musser-Gray
Rycen Musser	Larry Myers	Malcolm Obiri	Karol Rae	Matthew Renno, Jr.
Jane Rimmey	Tom Runkle	Iain Scoular	Denise Simms	Marilyn Sproule
JR Stoner	Laurie Stover	Lori Stover	*Marian Smith	Jenn & Abbey Tice
Colin & Jaci Tucker	Rebecca Wagner	Jeff Weist	Jere Wiley	*Faye Winkelblech
Sandy Young	Duane and Wilma Yarger			

[*In personal care residence]

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR FEBRUARY, MARCH, APRIL 2021

February 7:	Isaiah 40:21-31	Mark 1:29-39
February 14:	2 Kings 2:1-12	Mark 9:2-9
February 21:	Genesis 9:8-17	Mark 1:9-15
February 28:	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16	Mark 8:31-38
March 7:	Exodus 20:1-17	John 2:13-22
March 14:	Numbers 21:4-9	John 3:14-21
March 21:	Jeremiah 31:31-34	John 12:20-33
March 28 <i>Palm Sunday</i> :	Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29	Mark 11:1-11
April 4 <i>Easter</i> :	Acts 10:34-43	John 20:1-18
April 11:	Acts 4:32-35	John 20:19-31
April 18:	Acts 3:12-19	Luke 24:36b-48
April 25:	Acts 45-12	John 10:11-18

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Erin Eckley, Alexa Bressler
- 2 Brianna Stover Neese
- 4 Douglas Harter
- 5 Karlee Dyke-Vogt, Amanda Heverly
- 6 Cathy Arney, Jean Dunklebarger,
Michael Vogt
- 8 Alia Smith
- 9 Anya Krebs-Fox
- 10 Mary Hardy
- 11 Tyler Fultz, Floyd Reeser
- 14 Cleo Wolfgang
- 15 Jeffrey Cronin, Jr., Loren Parker
- 16 Jessica Miller
- 17 Linda Heverly, Marian Smith,
Addisyn Stover
- 21 Leland Hanson
- 23 Noah Heverly
- 26 Colton Stover
- 27 Jane Pifer, Rita Watkins
- 28 Samantha Statham
- 29 Robert Bair, Ava Bressler, Logan Coursen
- 30 Cameron Coulter, Michael Hanson,
Nora Parker

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Mike and Carol Frazier
- 10 Loren and Edward Parker, Jr.
- 14 S. Curtis and Gretta Bierly
- 23 Floyd and Elizabeth Reeser
- 26 Robert and Ardranna Henry
- 28 Randy and Linda Heverly

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 J. Henry Garbrick
- 3 John Statham
- 5 Christopher Balsley
- 6 Victoria Bressler, Lisa Campbell
- 8 Cassandra King, George Moellenbrock, Jr.,
David Nicholas
- 9 Josephine McNitt, Ryan Riegel
- 10 Cole Parker
- 12 Larry Strickler
- 13 Robert Reed
- 14 Fallon Stover-McNulty
- 15 Jason Bonawitz, Chloe Dilliard,
Cleo Matter
- 19 Andrew Boob
- 23 Rodney Barner
- 24 Carole Smith
- 25 Deborah Riegel
- 28 Lauren Boob, Colby Miller

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Michael and Kilee Dyke-Vogt
- 16 Charles and Christine Patschke
- 28 Samuel and Helen Delaney

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Ruth Floray
- 4 Lori Walter
- 5 Katie Romig
- 6 Nevin Dutrow
- 10 Julian Battaglia, Donna Krebs
- 13 Charles Romig, Ella Smith
- 14 Lois Martz
- 18 Thomas Garbrick, Denise Sweitzer
- 19 Hailey Sweitzer
- 21 Joan Pecht, Sandra Cronin
- 22 Russell Brooks, Hetty Runkle, Keith Bierly
- 25 Mackenzie Balsley, Bradley Floray,
- 26 Ennis Wagner
- 27 Vickie Fultz, Harrison Reish
- 29 Ardranna Henry

