

Trinity Tidings



Join Our Trinity Family!

We are "dedicated to making disciples of every nation and generation."

Worship with us on Sundays!

9:00 a.m. - Sunday School for All Ages

10:00 a.m. - Blended Worship Service

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WELCOME!

Join Trinity UMC on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. for Worship.

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A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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"It's almost spring! Spring, my favorite time of year, reminds me of the newness and the freshness of life that emerges from the cold of winter and what appears to be the 'deadness' of life."

However, this time of the year also reminds me of the work that needs to be done in the house, not always a pleasant thought. Now is the time to clean out those cobwebs and dust bunnies and make everything clean and fresh.

When doing some spring cleaning, I wonder how many of us think about doing some spring cleaning of our "spiritual houses." I am sure there are some things in our "spiritual houses" that could be cleaned out. Perhaps it is cleaning up the bad habits like mismanagement of time, or being critical of others. Maybe our "spiritual houses" need a good cleaning of envy or jealousy. It's no surprise that we stumble from time to time in our spiritual walk. This is the reason we need to clean up our "spiritual houses" of those things that keep us from having a relationship with God.

The Lenten season is a good time to take a good hard look at our "spiritual houses" and figure out what those things are in our lives that are keeping us from having a covenantal relationship with God. Many people during the Lenten season "give up" something like coffee or chocolate or even watching a favorite television show to focus their attention on God. Does this really work or do we find ourselves falling back into our old habits and behaviors? Let me challenge all of us to dig deeper and



figure out at least one thing in our lives that is keeping us from having that covenantal relationship with God. Are we burying feelings of hatred toward a family member, close friend, or even a co-worker? Are we addicted to alcohol or gambling? Are we jealous? Are we so depressed that it causes destructive behavior to ourselves or those around us? What is it that is keeping you from having a covenantal relationship with God?

"God desires to have that covenantal relationship with us, but are we willing to truly give up those things that are keeping us from having a faith-filled loving relationship with God."

In Jeremiah 24:7 we are reminded, "I will give them a heart to know me, that I am the Lord. They will be my people, and I will be their God, for they will return to me with all their heart." In other words, God has never, nor will ever forget the covenant he made with us from the very beginning of time. We may on occasion forget, but God never forgets. The Bible also teaches us that God will be with us forever as

long as we remain in him. John 15:5-“I am the vine, you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.” God’s promises are true and trustworthy, we just have to allow ourselves to experience his promise to be with us and to be our God.

I encourage you throughout this time of Lent to dig deep within your soul and find a way in which you can connect with God. Perhaps you can clean off your Bible and dig deeper into God’s word to discover what God wants for your life. Perhaps you can straighten up your schedule to allow more time to do God’s work (visiting someone, writing and encouraging letter to someone, volunteer at the homeless shelter, etc.). Perhaps you can get a clean notebook and start journaling your thoughts about what God is doing in your life. Whatever it is allow this Lenten season be one that you can truly focus your attention on God and His work in your life. - Pastor Melissa Geisler

King’s Kids and E.P.I.C.
Youth Dates
 March - 12th & 26th
 April - 9th & 23rd
 May - 7th



Game Night

Formerly known as “Senior Adult Game Night”, Game Night is now open to ALL ADULTS, ages 18 and up. Bring your friends, bring a snack, bring some games, and have fun with us! Game Night happens the 1st Friday of the month at 6:30 p.m. All adults welcome.

- March 3rd & April 7th - 6:30 p.m.

Trinity Movie Night

On March 10th, at 7:00 p.m. Trinity UMC will be hosting a movie night! We will be watching *God’s Not Dead 2* on the big screen in Wesley Hall. Childcare will be provided for the younger children in our Lounge and they will be watching a separate movie called, *The Secret Life of Pets*. Come early and join us for a “Tureen Dinner” at 6:00 p.m. A “Tureen Dinner” is a dinner where everyone brings a dish to share. You won’t want to miss this!

Leadership Team Meetings

- Church Council - March 19th, at 11:00 a.m.
- Church Council - April 23rd, at 11:00 a.m.



Men's Lenten Breakfasts

Once again this year, the Men's Lenten Breakfasts will be hosted by various churches. The Men's Lenten Breakfasts will include a small program or meditation, followed by communion, and finishing with breakfast. See the complete list of churches below. If you plan on attending, you are required to call the host church and notify them by Wednesday of each week.

March 4th, 2017 - Immanuel UMC - 882-0464

March 11, 2017 - Lakewood UMC - 833-4131

March 18, 2017 - Trinity UMC - 825-2547

March 25, 2017 - Christ UMC - 833-6398

April 1, 2017 - Summit UMC - 864-3271

April 8, 2017 - Wesley UMC - 899-3302

Easter Cards

Trinity UMC will be collecting Easter Cards for the shut-in and nursing home members of the church. If you wish to participate, please see the display in the Lobby for more information. All cards are due Sunday, April 2nd, before the worship service.

Lenten Services

Various United Methodist Churches

around Erie will be joining together to worship as a community and a cooperative ministry. Should you wish to attend any Lenten Services, they are listed below.

March 1st - 7:00 p.m. - Ash Wednesday
- Simpson-Cascade UMC

April 13th - 7:00 p.m. - Holy Thursday
- Kingsley UMC

April 14th - 7:00 p.m. - Good Friday
- Lakewood UMC

Trinity UMC will be hosting the Stations of the Cross on Wednesday, April 12th and Thursday April 13th from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Also, there will be a chance to participate on Friday, April 14th from 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. The Stations of the Cross is a self-guided, interactive journey incorporating different elements as you walk the path of Jesus in the last hours before his crucifixion and burial.

Easter Flowers

Easter lilies and bulb plants (daffodils, hyacinths, and tulips) will be available for the Easter Sunday Service. For a 6" pot, lilies will cost \$8.00 and the bulb plants will cost \$8.25. Ordering information will be available in the bulletin starting March 5th. All orders and money are due to the church on Sunday, April 2nd.



Missions at Trinity UM Church

Trinity UM Church supports various missions and missionaries each month. For the monthly list and biographies, please read on!

The collections for the monthly missionaries and groups are gathered by the end of each month. If a monetary donation is requested, a special offering is collected on the last Sunday of the month during worship.

To read a full biography of the groups or missionaries, please see the Mission Board outside of the Church Office.

UMCOR Sunday - Formerly One Great Hour of Sharing

At the end of March, a collection will be taken for UMCOR Sunday (formerly One Great Hour of Sharing).

When disaster strikes around the globe - Haiti's 2010 earthquake or Typhoon Haiyan in 2013 - so many watching the drama unfold on our living room televisions feel entirely helpless. How could any one person make a difference in the wake of such widespread devastation? As responders around the globe scramble to help survivors, the United Methodist Committee on Relief, UMCOR, is prepared to act.

Don't be fooled by the word committee. Since 1940, when UMCOR's forerunner was established to meet the needs of those suffering overseas at the onset of World War II, we've continued to respond to those in desperate need - today throughout more than eighty countries around the world.

The response of UMCOR isn't something "they" do, it's something "we" do.

That's because your generous giving to UMCOR Sunday (formerly One Great Hour of Sharing) is what allows UMCOR to act as the arms and legs of Christ's church, moving toward the most vulnerable in their darkest days. Convinced that all people have God-given worth and dignity - without regard to race, religion, or gender - together we are assisting those impacted by crisis or chronic need.

**Please consider donating on
Sunday, March 26th.**

Trinity Youth Camp Fund

Take a moment and think back to your childhood. Did you ever get to go to a Christian Summer Camp? What kind of camp was it? Did you have fun? Did you learn anything? Did you have financial help getting there?

This is your chance to help the youth of Trinity UMC to have a fun and memorable summer. With your support, our youth can go to various camps such as Adventure Camp, Horse Camp, Dance Camp, Sports Camp, Arts Camp, and Music Camp. Your contribution will help to make what might not be a possible option for a family, realistic and certain to happen.

Don't think of this special mission opportunity as only a monetary donation but think of it as an investment in the future of our youth; an investment that will make a lasting impression and lifelong memories.

Camps that will be attended include but are not limited to:

Wesley Woods

WLD Ranch

Camp Judson

**You can support the Trinity Youth Camp Fund
on Sunday, April 30th.**

A Note from Mary Ellen Kennedy - Mission Chairperson

Thank you all for your faithfulness to your mission outreach.

Just as a reminder, the mission offerings taken up each month are over and above what we already give to the conference for administration and missions.

In January we supported Erie United Methodist Alliance's Overflow Shelter called "Our Neighbor's Place", and in February we held a special "Souper" Bowl Luncheon on Super Bowl Sunday with all proceeds going towards Erie United Methodist Alliance's Liberty House.

January Mission

Donation Total

\$291.00

"Souper" Bowl Luncheon

\$374.00

“Thank you to all that participated in giving Valentines to the shut-in members. Lee and I enjoyed them very much. God’s blessing and much love to everyone.” - Kathy Tillman

“Thank you for your donation of \$300.00 check dated December 31, 2016 to the Erie United Methodist Alliance. Your donation will help us continue to shelter, feed, and minister to homeless families and individuals. We appreciate your prayers and your partnership in our mission.”
- Kurt B. Crays - Executive Director of EUMA

“Thank you! Thank you for partnering with Wesley Woods through your gifts and prayers in 2016. This was our best fundraising year since my arrival as Executive Director at Wesley Woods in 2014. The ministry was vibrant, projects were completed and hearts and souls were won for the Kingdom of God by the work of the Holy Spirit.” - Nate Greenway - Executive Director of Wesley Woods Inc.

March Birthdays				April Birthdays			
3	Rachel Bozenhard	22	Kendra King	4	Jonathan Shaffstall	19	Gavyn Reed
8	Sydney Vereb	24	Pam Dow	5	Emily Ferringer	23	Laura Konen
11	Sunny Morehouse	24	Doug Richards	6	Lois Richards	24	Steven Rinn
15	Jamie Blymiller	25	Susan Javon	6	Pam Gravatt	26	Cindy Bastow
16	Mackenzie Hewett	26	Eric Reed	7	Betty Ann Knight	26	Zackary King
16	Linda Schumacher	27	Wally Lawson	11	Kenneth Waldo	26	Barry Limrick
17	Megan Schultz	30	Boyd Borowski	13	Ralph Clark	27	Steven Waldo
17	Devra Reed	30	Colleen Borowski	13	Jeremy Clark	28	Ron Brown
18	Bill Shepard			14	Dottie Stewart		
20	Joe Shaffstall			18	Lorraine Marshall		
	March Anniversaries				April Anniversaries		
21	None			7	Robert and Debbie Walz		

To activate the Prayer Chain please call Dottie Stewart at 825-3401. Please remember to request permission to print names on our Prayer List, and notify the Church Office of any changes as they occur.

Intensive Prayer

Cindy Bastow
 Ron Brown
 Steven Curtis
 Carol Devaughn
 Jennifer Duke
 The Farr Family
 Michele Field
 Amanda Gloystein
 Susan Javon
 Annette Johnson
 Bob Johnson and Family
 Libbie Johnson
 Barry & Belva Limrick
 Paul Martin
 The Mazur Family
 Bob & Grace McConnell
 Clyde Qualk
 Francis Quinn
 The Quinn Family
 Jolene Clark Schuessler
 Carol Schumacher
 Roger Thompson
 Lee & Kathy Tillman
 Jim Yates
 Sam Zeisloft
 Mike

Ongoing Prayer

Colleen Borowski
 Sherry Byerly
 Barb Clark
 Lou Donche
 Pearl Gregory
 Judy Hewett
 Roger Hordusky
 Gladys Johns
 Tim Kennedy
 Laura Konen
 Paul Martin
 Bill McConnell
 The Nagy Family
 James Payne
 Herman Percy
 Frank Petrungar
 The Pierson Family
 Alec Serock
 Carol Sittinger
 Robert Walz
 Terry (Georgia)

Military Personnel

Adam Hoel Gus Martin
 Mark Hoel Amanda Okeson
 John Klinge Ashlie Totten
 Kile Kuzma Jason Ward

Trinity's Missionaries

Shannon Eaton - *Kids Alive International*
 Sue Garfield - *Covenant Players*

Missionaries/Projects

Tim Bell, One Mission Society, USA
 Peter Bowling, Big Stone Foundation, China
 Cherry Run Camp
 Darryl & Kelly Chambers, One Mission Society
 John & Janie Chitester, Harvest Alliance Int.
 Bud & Jane Dennington, World Gospel Mission
 Seth & Shelley Hopkins, One World Service
 Imagine No Malaria
 Women's Care Center

Nursing Home/Senior Care

Paul Martin - Millcreek Manor
 5515 Peach St., Erie, PA 16509
 Marlene Luthey - Brevillier Village
 5416 E. Lake Rd., Erie, PA 16511
 Lee Tillman - St. Mary's East - Gallagher Center

Shut-ins at Home

Lois Casper
 1408 E. 38th St., Erie, PA 16504
 Lou Donche
 11030 Rt. 98., Edinboro, PA 16412