

# The Chimes

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*"In the heart of the city, sharing the heart of Christ."*

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*from Pastor Megan*

Dear Siblings in Christ:

The early Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church that before the Easter celebration there should be a forty-day season of spiritual preparation (excerpt from The United Methodist Book of Worship, p.322). Some people commit to fasting or self-denial, others to Biblical study and prayer. Some churches have additional opportunities to learn, worship, or serve while others withhold the word "Alleluia" from their singing. Many churches adorn the sanctuary with purple paraments, and we are all called to renew our faith as we remember the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

What I have always appreciated about this season is the emphasis on different ways to pray- especially on opening us to more meditative or prayers that listen more than speak. I think that it is in our silence, in our listening that we can find space to ask the honest questions that help deepen our faith. This is why I've been drawn to the worship series created by A Sanctified Art that we are using this year. The creators noticed that the lectionary texts for this season offer us many stories of Jesus encountering people who are seeking something- a new beginning, a different life, a deeper faith. These stories then walk us through an exchange filled with questions and exploration. Like the characters in our scripture, we are also seeking many things: clarity, connection, wonder, peace, justice, balance...

The turbulence of the past few years has caused many of us to ask a lot of questions about our life, relationships and faith. There has been a sort of disruption in the status quo that I believe can lead us to a sort of deepening and reawakening, if we allow ourselves to sit in the hard questions for awhile. Many of these questions won't lead us to neat and tidy answers. They aren't questions that will center us on our personal preferences or push us to choose a side. These honest questions for a deeper faith move us to seek a God who is alive in our lives and in the world. This Lent, you are invited to engage in the spiritual practice of seeking. As we ask ourselves "what am I seeking?" and "what is God seeking?" I pray that it leads us to a faith that is growing, adaptive, resilient, and filled with awe.

In order to deepen your worship experience and spiritual practices this season you are invited to engage in these texts through study and prayer...

Tuesday's at 5:30pm Bible Study in Conference Room 1

Daily prayer cards and devotional books are available in the church office or to be delivered upon request. You can also follow Trinity UMC on Facebook to access our prayer cards or link to our devotional book at <https://online.flippingbook.com/view/928029194/>



The Missions Team met on February 1, to discuss donations and needs. The Missions Team is supporting the “Good Neighbor” project through their funds. In supporting the community, they have supported: car repairs, a vacuum purchase, lawyer fees, a replacement refrigerator, and medical care. Some of the support has been in the form of a grant and others as a loan and being paid back. The process has an application with the pastors and approval of the Missions Team. The amount given has been \$6,966.75, with a payback return of \$3,620.

The Mission Team is comprised of CUP-Suzanne Plumb and Fran Johns, Habitat for Humanity-Linda Fox-Miller, Family Promise—Tina Schneider, Soup Kitchen—Donelda Conrad, United Methodist Women-Sharon Wildermuth, Free Store and Breakfast Ministry. Each ministry team is doing well, however, volunteers are needed to help support these ministries.

If you are looking for a way to become more involved with the ministry of our church and support the community, please consider joining one of our Mission Teams.

## Free Store



We are accepting donations of women’s and men’s clothing. (Men’s jeans are always in demand). Household items, linens and towels. Also, sample size hygiene items, toothbrushes and toothpaste.



The West Ohio Conference United Women in Faith will be providing a virtual Lenten Study on the Sundays of March 5, 12, 19 & 26 at 4:00 pm. The study will be based on the book, “Meeting Jesus At The Table” by Cynthia M. Campbell and Christine Coy Fohr. All are welcome to participate. Go to westohiomw.org and select upcoming events. There is no preregistration, but a “join session” button to click on each week.

Contact Sharon Wildermuth at 419-999-6461 for more information. These sessions are open to all!

Help needed: We would like to be able to provide lunch for our upcoming membership classes- some sessions could have up to 20 people in them. If you are interested in assisting with one or more of the Lunches, please contact Pastor Megan or the church office with your availability.

**Scholarships** ~ We are once again offering academic scholarships to anyone who is an undergraduate student and hasn’t received a scholarship from Trinity, you are welcome to apply. Applications are available in the church office.

## *Trinity Family News & Notes . . .*

### *March Birthdays 90 +*

Ralph Hubbell ~ March 8 ~ 91 years

### *Hospitalized since last Chimes*

No Known Hospitalizations

### *March Anniversaries 50 +*

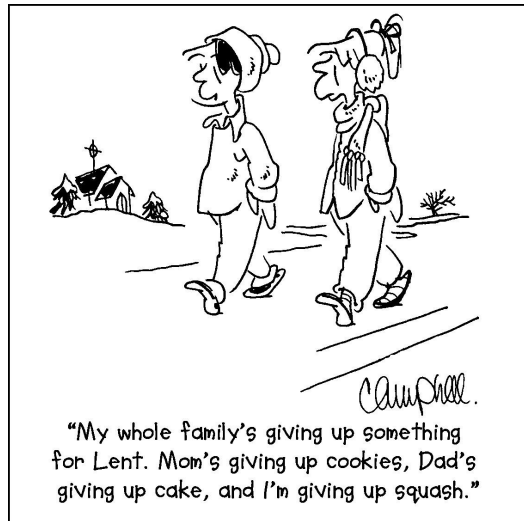
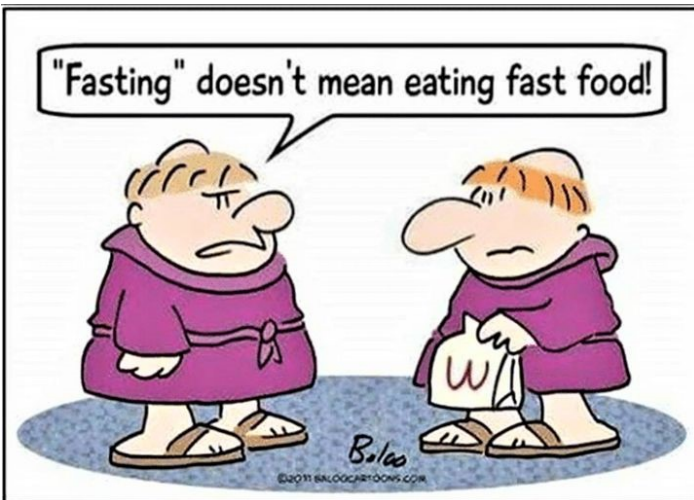
Bob & Fran Johns ~ March 30 ~ 61 years

Please be sure to notify the church office if you or a family member are admitted to the hospital. We can no longer receive names of hospital patients without actually asking for the patient by name.

# Trinity United Methodist Church Calendar - March 2023

**All events and activities listed are subject to change.**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>26</b> 7:30am Breakfast 10:30am Worship Service 12:00pm Radio Broadcast 1:00pm Hispanic Worship 4:30pm Youth @ Shawnee	<b>27</b> 6:30am Monday Morning Men~Zoom 10:00am Monday Morning Women	<b>28</b> 3:00pm Lima Music Academy 5:30pm Pastor's Bible Study	<b>1</b> 7:00am Wednesday Bible Study 11:30am Soup Kitchen 4:00pm TOPS	<b>2</b> 5:30pm Bible Study 6:30pm AWE 7:45pm Choir	<b>3</b> 7:00pm Hispanic Bible Study	<b>4</b>
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<b>12</b> 7:30am Breakfast 10:30am Worship Service 12:00pm Radio Broadcast 1:00pm Hispanic Worship 4:30pm Youth @ Shawnee	<b>13</b> 6:30am Monday Morning Men~Zoom 10:00am Monday Morning Women 3:00pm Primrose Worship	<b>14</b> 11:00am Memorials Committee 3:00pm Lima Music Academy 5:30pm Pastor's Bible Study 6:30pm CCCC Board	<b>15</b> 7:00am Wednesday Bible Study 4:00pm TOPS 6:30pm Servant Leadership Board	<b>16</b> 5:30pm Bible Study 6:30pm AWE 7:45pm Choir	<b>17</b> 10:00am Literary Ladies 7:00pm Hispanic Bible Study	<b>18</b>
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Church Budget Status	Monthly		Year to Date	
January 2023	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
<b>Income</b>	\$ 25,435.00	\$ 23,172.15	\$ 25,435.00	\$ 23,172.15
<b>Expenses</b>	\$ 32,600.00	\$ 34,183.10	\$ 32,600.00	\$ 34,183.10
<b>Difference +/-</b>	<b>-\$ 7,165.00</b>	<b>-\$ 11,010.95</b>	<b>-\$ 7,165.00</b>	<b>-\$ 11,010.95</b>



# seeking:

honest questions  
for deeper faith

Wednesday, February 22

*Is this the fast that I choose?, Isaiah 58:1-12*

Sunday, February 26

*Who will you listen to? Matthew 4:1-11*

Sunday, March 5

*How do we begin again? John 3:1-17*

Sunday, March 12

*Will you give me a drink? Exodus 17:1-7, John 4:5-42*

Sunday, March 19

*Who sinned? John 9: 1-41*

Sunday, March 26

*Can these bones live? John 11:1-45, Ezekiel 37:1-14*

Sunday, April 2

*Where are you headed? Finding Hope Matthew 25:1-11*

Thursday, April 6

Maundy Thursday at Trinity 7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 7

Good Friday at Shawnee UMC 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 9

*Who are you looking for? John 20:1-18*  
*Bring a fresh cut flower to "flower the cross"*

## EASTER FLOWERS



Due to the offering of several choices and supply available, **DEADLINE TO ORDER WILL BE March 5. NO ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE DEADLINE.**

**We are pleased to offer the following choices:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Tulips - \$12.00      \_\_\_\_\_ Daffodils - \$12.00

Please take your flower(s) after church on Easter Sunday. Be sure to take the type of flower(s) you ordered.

Total number of flowers \_\_\_\_\_ at \$15.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check payable to Trinity United Methodist Church. PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED WITH THE ORDER.**

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

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Membership Classes:** We are excited to be able to offer our first membership classes since the pandemic began. Please sign up for the following classes if you are interested in learning more about membership or if any members want a refresher, you are welcome to register as well. If you cannot attend these dates, but are still interested in membership please contact Pastor Megan at [pastormegantumc@gmail.com](mailto:pastormegantumc@gmail.com) or 419-227-0800.

~ Sunday, March 12: Sacraments and the church: Only required for those who have not been baptized, but would also be beneficial for those from a tradition other than UMC.

~ Sunday March 19: UM Theology and history (we can provide childcare, please let the office know ages of kids who need childcare)

~ Sunday, March 26: Spiritual Gifts and the ministries of Trinity



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