

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:

My only child is getting ready to graduate from high school (67 days from writing this- not that I'm counting). It has already been an emotional season getting to see him grow into himself while at the same time feeling the weight of so many "lasts." As difficult as it is to think about all of these lasts, I've also been able to experience joy with him as he looks forward with hope. As I reflect on this stage in life for both of us, I can't help but think of the Easter story of resurrection. Christianity, religion, even our own personal faith journeys tend to have a cyclical life pattern. We go through seasons of new awakening, seasons of stagnation, and seasons where we try to grasp on to the traditions, the feelings, the experiences of the past. The promise of the Gospel, no matter what season we find ourselves in is that there is always hope in the new life we have in Christ. The focus is on the "new"... on the resurrection, on looking forward.

This Lenten season we have spent a lot of time seeking a deeper faith through our questions. We have explored some of the encounters that Jesus had with people from all walks of life- the powerful and the powerless, men and women, the faithful and the uncertain, the blind, hungry and thirsty. We saw how in each encounter Jesus met the person or persons where they were and used their physical need to illustrate a spiritual truth. He gave each person hope and offered them a chance to live a new life embracing the spiritual gift that Christ offers.

As I look ahead at my son's future- I am moved to remember that the graduation ceremony is called "commencement" for a reason. It is a new beginning, a new life. Not one that is uninfluenced by the experiences, upbringing, friends, family and education that has led him to this point, but a new beginning that is shaped by where he has come from and embraces the new with a mindset for growth. My prayer for him is to continue to ask questions, to grow, to embrace the new while cherishing where he has been. My prayer is for him to experience faith and a living hope as he continues to grow in faith and love. And really, that isn't such a bad prayer for all of us... This Easter season may we look forward with "A Living Hope" trusting in the new life we have in Christ to transform our hearts to love as Christ loves us.

*You teach me the way of life.
In your presence is total celebration.
Beautiful things are always in your right hand.
Psalm 16:11*

In Christ,
Pastor Megan

Easter Offering ~ This year the Easter Offering will be split between The Center for Peace and Reconciliation and The Pastor's Discretionary Fund. An offering envelope is included in this issue of The Chimes.

**COME TO THE TABLE:
A LAST SUPPER DRAMATIZATION**

March 26, 2023

Location: St. John Catholic Church
Address: 777 S. Main, Lima, OH 45801

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Admission: Free - Food Donation Requested

Join us for a tableau style dramatization of the Leonardo da Vinci painting, the Last Supper combining all art forms, including poetry, a combined faiths choir, soloists and men of faith as Jesus and His Apostles. Over 20 area churches have members involved including Trinity U.M.C. Attendees are asked to bring a nonperishable food item. All food will benefit our Lima community with donations going to: Our Daily Bread, Christian Corner Community Center, House of Grace and C.U.P.

Free Store

We are accepting donations of spring and summer men's and women's clothing. (Please hold onto the winter clothing for next fall.) Men's jeans and clothing are in demand, along with linens, small household items and toiletries.



On Saturday, April 29, the Spring Gathering of the Conference United Women in Faith will be an Earth Day Celebration titled "For the Beauty of the Earth." It will be held at Mount St. John, 4435 East Patterson Road, Chaminade Center, Madeleine Room, in Beavercreek, Ohio. Registration and refreshments will begin at 9:30 followed by a 10:00 am morning retreat, hearty refreshments and a reflective nature walk or a spring wildflower slide show, ending at 1:00pm. There is no cost, but for a full description and to register, please go to westohioumw.org.

The Northwest Plains District United Women in Faith will have their Spring Celebration/Racial Justice Event on May 6 from 10:00 am - 12 noon at Trinity UMC, 137 N. Pratt Street, Ottawa, Ohio. The featured speaker will be Rev. Dr. Josephine Whitely-Fields, author of the book, "Pioneer Black Clergywomen, Stories of Black Clergywomen of the United Methodist Church 1974-2016." Her theme for the morning is "Learning to Love as Christ Loved Us." A time of fellowship and refreshments will begin at 9:00 am. There is no fee, but please register by May 1. Registration forms can be found at the Welcome Center, or by calling Sharon Wildermuth at 419-999-6461.

Pastor's Bible Study ~ Tuesday's at 5:30 p.m. in Conference Room 1. We will continue to meet through May 9th and then will take a break through the rest of May. Join us as we ask questions, learn and discuss the scriptures for the upcoming week's worship. Attend weekly, or once in awhile- all are welcome.

Trinity Family News & Notes . . .

March Birthdays 90 +

Miriam Wynn ~ April 13 ~ 93 years

Hospitalized since last Chimes

Donelda Conrad

Notes of Thanks

Many thanks to those who provided home-baked cookies for the Kairos Prison ministry Retreat weekend on March 23 -26. Trinity U.M.C. donated 137 dozen delicacies for the event. These are an especially significant gift during the weekend, as the residents become aware of the time, talent, prayers and unconditional love offer to them by strangers. Again, thank-you!

John Foster

Trinity United Methodist Church Calendar - April 2023

All events and activities listed are subject to change.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 7:30am Breakfast 10:30am Worship Service 12:00pm Radio Broadcast 1:00pm Hispanic Worship 4:30pm Youth @ Shawnee	27 6:30am Monday Morning Men~Zoom 10:00am Monday Morning Women	28 3:00pm Lima Music Academy 5:30pm Pastor's Bible Study	29 7:00am Wednesday Bible Study 11:30am Soup Kitchen 4:00pm TOPS	30 5:30pm Bible Study 6:30pm AWE 7:45pm Choir	31 7:00pm Hispanic Bible Study	1
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9 7:30am Breakfast 8:30am Chapel Worship 10:30am Worship Service 12:00pm Radio Broadcast 1:00pm Hispanic Worship	10 6:30am Monday Morning Men~Zoom 10:00am Monday Morning Women 3:00pm Primrose Worship	11 3:00pm Lima Music Academy 5:30pm Pastors Bible Study 6:30pm CCCC Board	12 7:00am Wednesday Bible Study 4:00pm TOPS 7:00pm Hispanic Bible Study	13 5:30pm Bible Study 6:30pm AWE 7:45pm Choir	14 7:00pm Hispanic Bible Study	15 8:00am Youth Mom to Mom Sale
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Church Budget Status

	<i>Monthly</i>		<i>Year to Date</i>	
February 2023	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Actual</i>
<i>Income</i>	\$ 25,435.00	\$ 12,652.30	\$ 50,870.00	\$ 35,824.45
<i>Expenses</i>	\$ 32,600.00	\$ 33,404.12	\$ 65,200.00	\$ 67,587.22
<i>Difference +/-</i>	- \$ 7,165.00	- \$ 20,751.82	- \$ 14,330.00	- \$ 31,762.77



UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, April 2
Palm Sunday
Where are you headed? Matthew 25:1-11

Thursday, April 6
Maundy Thursday
"Is it I?"
7:00 p.m. Trinity U.M.C.

Friday, April 7
Good Friday
7:00 p.m. Shawnee U.M.C.

Sunday, April 9
Easter Sunday
Who are you looking for? John 20:1-18
Bring a fresh cut flower to "flower the cross"
8:00 a.m. Breakfast Worship with Communion
8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion Service
10:30 a.m. Easter Worship in Sanctuary

Sunday, April 16
A Living Hope: Fullness of Joy

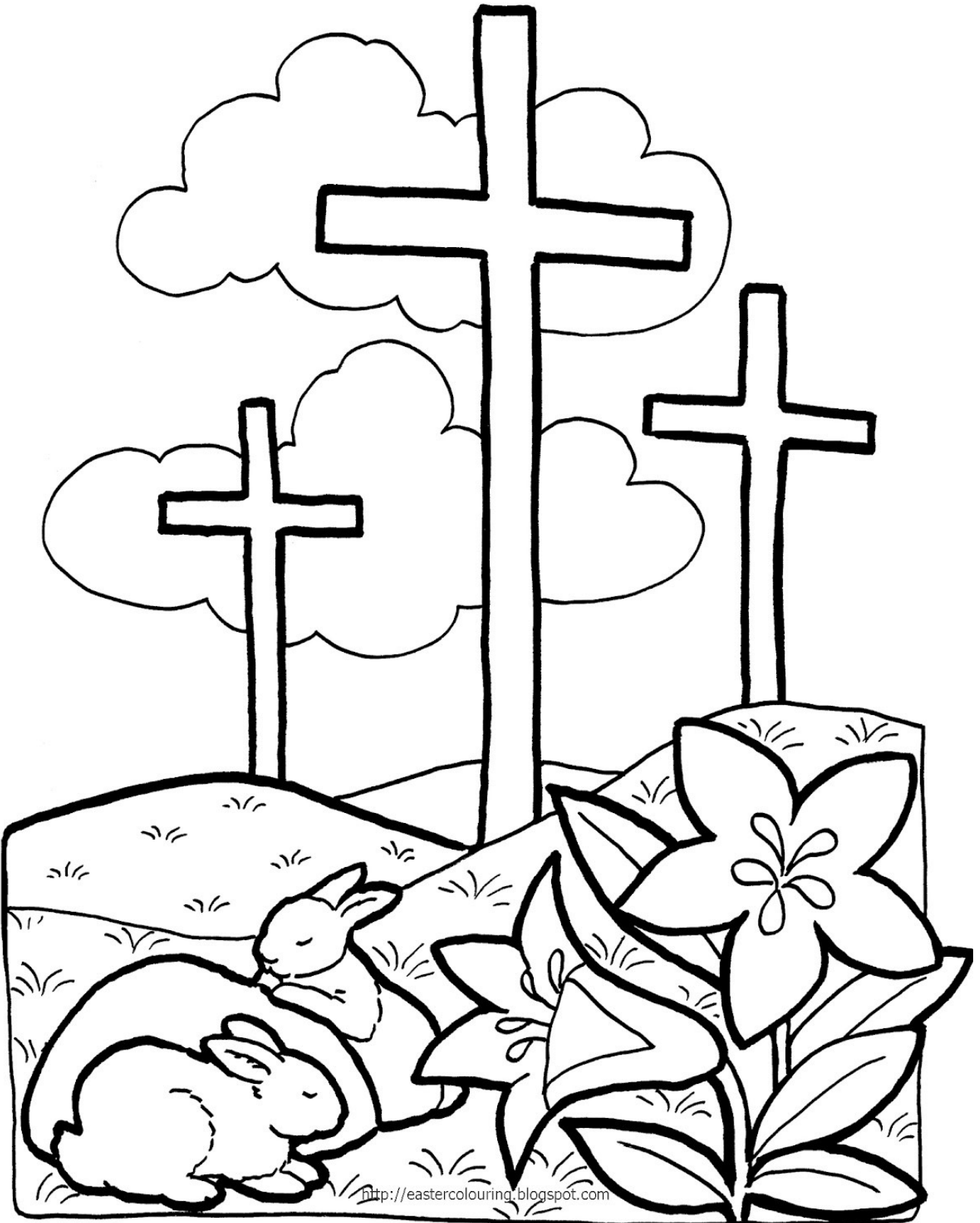
Sunday, April 23
A Living Hope: Even Through Doubt

Sunday, April 30
A Living Hope: Trust in the Shepherd

Sunday, May 7
A Living Hope: Like Living Stones

Sunday, May 14
A Living Hope: Revealed in Love

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Saturday, April 8, 2023

11:20 a.m. ~ Doors Open
11:30 a.m. ~ Refreshments in Fellowship Hall
Noon- Easter Egg Hunt @ Trinity Park

All children age 2 –10 years old and families are invited.
Friends welcome!

Volunteers are needed to help with the Easter Egg Hunt on April 8. If you are able to help, please contact Kyle.

The **Church Office** and day care will be closed on Friday, April 7, in observance of Good Friday. The church office will be closed again Thursday, April 13 – Monday 24.

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.