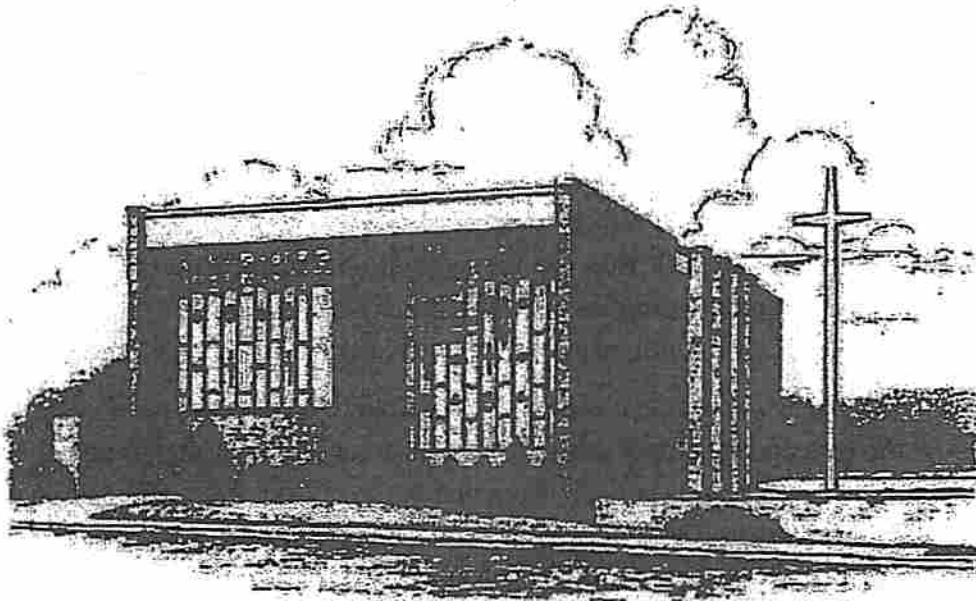


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APRIL ~ MAY, 2018

NEWSLETTER



DEVOTION

Isaiah 43:19

**“I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.”**

This word of God is sometimes taken too lightly. The reason God asks if we can't see it, is that he knows we often do not! Caught up in pressure, passion, or fear of the moment we not only miss the good God is doing, we may not even be looking for it.

Happy Easter! Spring is Here! Let joy fill our hearts. Let faith and hope have more influence in how we live. Let us look forward and walk through our days with confidence in our Savior and our God, anything less is sin. After all, How can we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the forgiveness of our sin, and the promise of eternal life, if we continue to tremble with fear, filling ourselves with doubt, and continue in conflict, or cloud our spirits with concern?

Consider: With the building alone God is moving. In less than two years, we have made sure the strength of our structure and sanctuary secure for the next generation. God has helped us to insure that every person can hear clearly the word and music of God. Even now, our heating system is being repaired restored beyond what we could do on our own. We are about to replace, improve and secure our roof for the next 30 years! We are improving effectiveness and reducing costs. In spiritual life and programming we are looking forward, trying new ministries, strengthening our ministry spiritually, creating new groups, reaching out, envisioning the future, and designing ways to make it come to pass. In short: God is becoming very active in us, around us, and through us in many marvelous ways. Do we not perceive it? Let's make sure we do! Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Like the song says "This is a day of new beginnings. Our God is making all things new!"

Pastor Greg

Invisible Hurt

As we all should know, the church is here to heal. When we discover hurts, Christ calls us to reach out and respond with compassion to meet the needs and help. Recently we have been thinking of people who are suffering in silence with an invisible hurt. The hurt is an unrelenting sadness. It is called depression and it is terrible. We keep it to ourselves but it burdens us nonetheless. What if we could comfort and console each other? What if we could help each other to manage the hurt and even, hopefully, find healing through it, and maybe even leave it behind? Would that not be exactly what Christ would want us to do for each other?

Pastor Greg is offering the opportunity to join together in a new, private support group for people suffering in sadness & depression. We will meet weekly to comfort and console, to listen and embrace, to pray, and to heal.

There will be no sign up sheet. Please call Pastor Greg at church (724-224-7300) or at home (724-224-2370).

MISSIONS/OUTREACH

You can be a part of our mission team! How do you ask? Our Missions/Outreach Team sends get well, thinking of you, and sympathy cards to those in our church family. Please consider donating some cards and a book of stamps. Cards may be left at the church office.

Do you know we have a new and improved ministries at Trinity!

Linda Hughan, Caring team leader (they provide funeral dinners at the church)

Cathy Smause, Visitation team Coordinator

Candice Rae, Prayer team contact person

Sue Barnett, Card team Missions chair

Terry Cousins, Stephen Ministries

Gayla Patz, Church office

Pastor Greg

So if you know of someone who has a need, please let us know.

GRADUATES—If you have a young person graduating this year, please notify the office.

Also please be sure the office has a current address for your college student son or daughter. The Missions Committee will be sending gift cards to them for end of the year finals. Also, let us know what type of gift card they would appreciate.

MAY MISSIONS—Our Mission Project for May is a Mother's Day honorarium to benefit the Hope Center. Please see the form in this Flame and any announcements in the upcoming bulletins.

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO CAME OUT TO BOWL FOR BLESSINGS ON MARCH 4TH!

B ~ O ~ G ~ O

Buy One Give One to our Local Food Bank

(Baskets for donations are in the Narthex and Office Hallway)

Our contributions since the last Flame:

Baby Food	3	Boxed Potatoes	4	Brownie Mix	1
Cake Mix	1	Canned Fruit	3	Canned Veggies	17
Cereal	8	Cereal Bars	1	Cocoa Mix	1
Coffee	2	Crackers	3	Cranberry Sauce	1
Diapers	88	Facial Tissue	2	Gravy	1
Jello	1	Mac & Cheese	6	Monetary	\$38
Muffin Mix	2	Oatmeal	3	Pasta Sauces	6
Pasta Sides	1	Pasta	8	Peanut Butter	5
Pop Tarts	8	Pudding	1	Ramen Noodles	12
Rice Sides	1	Shampoo	1	Sloppy Joe Sauce	1
Soap	4	Soup	69	Stuffing Mix	1
Taco Shells	1	Toothpaste	3	Tuna Fish	2

AVAC is always very appreciative of our gifts to the food bank and reminds us from the Gospel of Matthew “. . . As you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.”



MOTHER'S DAY 2018 THE HOPE CENTER

The Alle-Kiski Area HOPE Center, Inc. is an organization of social change – whose mission is the safe elimination of domestic violence through intervention, prevention, and collaboration. The Hope Center values individual choice and believes in greater possibilities when choices are heard and respected. Our advocacy focuses on information and options to assist in the restoration of power for each individual. They provide:

- 24 Hour Crisis Hotline
- Emergency 30 Day Shelter
- Transitional Housing
- Legal Advocacy
- Emergency Protection
- Community Outreach on Domestic Violence

Trinity would like to help out this worthwhile organization financially through our remembrance of the special women in our lives.

MOTHER'S DAY MISSION PROJECT The Hope Center

GIVEN IN MEMORY OF _____

GIVEN IN MEMORY OF _____

GIVEN IN HONOR OF _____

GIVEN IN HONOR OF _____

GIVEN BY: _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$10.00 _____ OTHER _____

Envelope # _____

DEADLINE FOR GIFTS – SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2018

Happy Mother's Day



A booklet will be included in the Mother's Day bulletin on May 13th listing these donations and honorariums.

APRIL 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Sunrise Service 6:30am WORSHIP 9:00 AM Prayer Ministry 10:15 WORSHIP 11:00 AM	2	3 9am Heavenly Crafters	4 7:00 PPR meeting 8:00 AA/AIAnon	5 6:00 pm Tai Chi	6 6:00 pm Girl Scouts	7 Hall Reserved Baby Shower 12-5:30pm
8 Pastor Alyce preaching WORSHIP 9:00 AM Prayer Ministry 10:15 10:00 am BRUNCH WORSHIP 11:00 AM Scrip Due	9 6 – 9 pm Martial Arts 6:30 pm Ladies Bible Study	10 9am Heavenly Crafters 7:00 pm Missions	11 8:00 AA/AIAnon	12 6:00 pm Tai Chi	13	14 8:00 am Men's Breakfast
15 WORSHIP 9:00 AM Prayer Ministry 10:15 WORSHIP 11:00 AM	16 6 – 9pm Martial Arts 7:00 pm Trustees	17 9am Heavenly Crafters	18 4:00 – 6:00 pm DOLLAR DINNER 6:30 pm Disciple I bible study 8:00 AA/AIAnon	19 6:00 pm Tai Chi 7:00 Worship meeting	20 6:00 pm Girl Scouts	21 CHURCH VISION MEETING 9 am - 12 Men's ministry providing breakfast
22 WORSHIP 9:00 AM Prayer Ministry 10:15 WORSHIP 11:00 AM	23 6 – 9 pm Martial Arts	24 9am Heavenly Crafters	25 8:00 AA/AIAnon	26 6:00 pm Tai Chi	27 6:00 pm Scouts	28 8:00 am Men's Breakfast 7:00 pm Risen to Save Benefit Concert @ Grace UM Church
29 WORSHIP 9:00 AM Prayer Ministry 10:15 WORSHIP 11:00 AM GREEN DAY	30 6 – 9 pm Martial Arts	31 9am Heavenly Crafters				

MAY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:00 am Crafters	2 8:00 pm AA/ALAnon	3 7:00 pm Visitation meeting	4 6:00 Girl Scouts	5 Hall Reserved Birthday Party 10-5
6 COMMUNION WORSHIP 9:00 AM 10:15 Prayer Ministry WORSHIP 11:00 AM	7 .6 - 9 Martial Arts	8 9:00 am Crafters 6:30 pm Finance meeting 7:00 Missions meeting	9 8:00 pm AA/ALAnon	10	11	12 8:00 am Men's Fellowship Breakfast
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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Jonathan Ringer, Renee Schreiber
- 3 William Kovel
- 4 Erica Mell, Jamee Bonnett
- 5 Chris Freehling, Derek Ruediger
- 6 Jonathan Alter, Tish Kus
- 7 Aleczaider Alter, Dustin Gentile, Sandy Roberts, Pastor Jeff Vanderhoff
- 8 Josh Mell, Kathy Mrozinski
- 9 Jaci Bowser
- 10 Troy Jack, Donna Jack, Hannah Ringer
- 12 Betsy Bucu, Carla Crisman, Dylan Eberle
- 15 Oak Moser, Sr.
- 16 Lisa Gemperlein, Casey Hemphill
- 18 Marion Faustin, Thomas Fisher, Sara Fisher, April Moore
- 19 Bertie Null, Ted Tomson
- 20 Ryan Eshenbaugh
- 21 Donna James
- 22 Jodi Bowser, Jeane DeAngelis
- 23 Adam Omecinski
- 24 Casey Collins, Bob Conroy
- 25 Rev. Jim Morris, Kris Stover, Trevor Uhric
- 26 Alex Bargerstock, David Graham
- 28 Ray Miller, Oliveah Rae
- 29 Noel Jack
- 30 Carol Wolfe



(If your name does not appear on our birthday list it is because your special day is not in our computer
– please contact the office.)

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Sue Barnett, Kristin Beal
- 2 Scott Crighton, Victoria Hall, David Jones, Reese Mosley
- 4 Lauren Gezo, Nina Przybylek
- 6 Linda Gibson, Ray Schmaus
- 7 Vicki Dlubak
- 8 John Fetchko, Paul Valasek
- 9 Ann Marie Buterbaugh, Alexa Schrag
- 10 Jonathan Baker
- 11 Marissa Acre, Donald Buterbaugh, Christina Shuss
- 13 Dylan Dudzik
- 14 Olivia Bonnett, Laurie Molnar, Glenda Wikes
- 15 Steve Godlewski, Alexeia Moore, Justin Scisciani
- 17 Marlene Campbell, Kamryn Cornuet
- 19 Ann Rummel, Erin Snebold
- 21 Matt Homa, Jeff Mackowski
- 22 Marlene Coffman
- 23 Rowan Mosley, Heidi Shank, Regis Uhric
- 24 Alex Mellon, Rachel Miller, Jessica Molnar, Jim Myford
Woody Woodman
- 25 Ava Bartel, Stacey Bernstein, Beth Ringer
- 26 James Santucci
- 27 Zachary Bonnett, Leland Hanniman
- 28 Nolen Fetchko, Gary Marshall, Maria Robinson
- 29 Helen Coward, Alana Jump, Sawyer Johnson
- 30 Allen Graham, Stevie Milisits, Roberta Sabow
- 31 Dylan Barnett, Emma Murrell, Ed Bennett, Connor Swartz



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SERVING IN WORSHIP ~ APRIL, 2018

GREETERS FOR 9:00 AM

1 Bill & Betty Ruediger
8 Bob & Dawn Conroy
15 Bob & Dawn Conroy
22 Bill & Betty Ruediger
29 Matt & Sandy Roberts

GREETERS FOR 11:00 AM

Dale & Cindi Cepull
Alan & Bonnie Fisher
Paul & Jan Valasek
Bill & Sue Barnett
Jonathan & Beth Ringer

USHERS FOR 9:00 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Jim Stewart & Bob Gibson

USHERS FOR 11:00 AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

1 Howard Stewart, Tim Cornuet, Jim Bargerstock, Bill Ruediger
8 Oak Moser, John Woodman
15 Howard Stewart, Tim Koontz
22 Alan Fisher, Cliff Beattie
29 Bob McGinnis, Roger Gibson

TRUSTEE RESPONSIBLE FOR BUILDING LOCKUP

1 Tim Cornuet
8 Alan Fisher
15 Jim Bargerstock
22 Bill Barnett
29 Don Rummel

APRIL SUNDAY & WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, April 1, 2018

6:30 AM Sunrise Service at Prospect Cemetery
9:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
11:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service

Sunday, April 8, 2018 - Pastor Alyce preaching at the 9 and 11 AM Worship Services

Join us between services for a brunch. We would like to thank our
Heavenly Crafters for providing it for us.
Scrip orders due

Saturday, April 21, 2018 – 9 AM – 12 PM-----Vision and Planning Retreat

Men's ministry will provide a brunch

Saturday, April 28, 2018 – Risen to Save benefit concert

7:00 PM Grace UM Church, Freeport Rd, Natrona Heights



Sunday, April 30, 2018 – Green Day The 5th Sunday of the month is a day we ask for you to consider giving an additional gift to the church to help us GO GREEN!

SERVING IN WORSHIP ~ MAY, 2018

GREETERS FOR 9:00 AM

6 Matt & Sandy Roberts
13 Bob, Christine, Ana, Emma Murrell
20 Bob, Christine, Ana, Emma Murrell
27 Jim & Sue Myford

GREETERS FOR 11:00 AM

Alan & Maryella Acre
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Jonathan & Beth Ringer
Bob & Randi McGinnis

USHERS FOR 9:00 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Jim Stewart & Bob Gibson

USHERS FOR 11:00 AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

6 Howard Stewart, Tim Cornuet, Jim Gezo, Alan Acre
13 Mothers
20 Todd Eshenbaugh, Jim Bargerstock
27 Dartlin Lucas, John Woodman



TRUSTEE RESPONSIBLE FOR BUILDING LOCKUP

6 Tim Cornuet
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MAY SUNDAY & WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, May 6, 2018 - Sacrament of Holy Communion

Sunday, May 13, 2018 - Mother's Day
Scrip Due

Saturday, May 19, 2018 - 8 AM – 2 PM-----Trinity Treasures Rummage Sale

Saturday, May 26, 2018 – Men's Steak n Stuff

“One man’s trash is another man’s treasure”

Trinity United Methodist Church – Brackenridge

Presents their first

Trinity Treasures Rummage Sale



Saturday, May 19, 2018 8:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Save Your Stuff for Us

Items Not Accepted

**CLOTHING, TV'S, COMPUTERS,
MONITORS, OR LARGE FURNITURE**

Accepted Items

- Small furniture, Linens
- Books, CDs, DVDs, BluRay discs
- Toys
- Holiday Items
- Brand new items
- Knick-knacks
- Garden equipment, pots, tools
- House wares
- Antiques, Art
- Jewelry

Volunteers are what make the sale great, and we are always happy to see new faces. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Colleen at 724-224-7329 or Gayla in the church office.

- **Period when items are accepted:
May 1 – May 17**
- Tuesday – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
And 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
- Thursdays – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
And 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
- Sundays after church
12:00 noon to 1:00 pm

Joy in Giving

GIFTS & MEMORIALS
(Since the last *Flame*)

Given in Memory of IRIS VALARIK

Given by:
Betsy & Ron Buco

Designated to:
Pillars of the Church

Given in Memory of REV. JACK & BETTY AMMON

Given by:
Betty Lou Patz & Family

Designated to:
NOAH Fund

Given in Honor of TRINITY CHURCH

Given by:
The Iris Valarik Estate

Designated to:
NOAH Fund

Given in Memory of IRIS VALARIK

Given by:
Colleen Rudolph

Designated to:
Pillars of the Church

Given in Honor of SUELLEN FAUSTIN

Given by:
Marion Faustin

Designated to:
Pillars of the Church

Given in Memory of ROBERT BERNESSE

Given by:
Karen Fazio

Designated to:
Pillars of the Church

Pillars of the Church Donation Form (Helping to pay for the church pillar repair)

Name of Donor: _____

Name of person(s) honored/remembered: _____

Amount: _____ Envelope # (If applicable) _____

This gift is (please circle) In Honor In Memory

Designated and General Giving

There are two primary ways to contribute financial support to the church. Our giving to the general fund is what pays the bills. We can also give "designated gifts" to specific causes. Both are important. Both are needed. We encourage you to use both in your participation in ministry. What we ask everyone not to do, is "Don't rob Peter to pay Paul". Please do not reduce gifts to general fund. This is your first mile of giving to the Lord. It is what keeps the ministry working. Designated gifts are "going the second mile" or giving "above and beyond" our tithe with specific heart and intent. Let us make sure we safely and securely walk the first mile otherwise we will not get to walk the second one. Let's walk both miles with grace, confidence and smiles. Thank you all and for all.

Vision and Planning Retreat – April 21

Don't miss the all church vision and planning retreat in the social room, Saturday April 21. Administrative Council Chair, Jonathan Ringer, will lead us into discovering God's vision for us in ministry, fellowship, activity, purpose and direction for the next months and years. We have the opportunity now, to create a new vitality to restore and grow our church for the sake of Christ, to meet the needs of people inside and outside the church, bringing the Good News, and making a difference. It is why we are here, let's work together to make God proud.

Repair, Restoration and Improvements UPDATE

Heating System: Repairs continue, step by step. Currently plumbers are replacing all pipes and fittings in the parlor. The next step is to address the leaks discovered in the office hallway. Each step takes us to the next. As we find leaks we fix them. Eventually we will test the whole system. When all is right and good we will then begin restoration of ceilings floors and decoration.

OPPORTUNITY: While we await the repairs to be completed we have the chance to clean house. We can re-think the best uses of our rooms and clear out material that is no longer effective or useful, and get ready for a new day in ministry and vitality.

Sanctuary: We are currently removing the ceiling in the sanctuary due to moisture, mold, and deterioration, due to leaks in the roof. We will not be restoring the ceiling until the roof is replaced and we can insure no more leaks. We do not yet know if the heating system in the sanctuary is damaged. If so, these repairs will proceed.

NEED: We do not know whether insurance will be able to help us with the roof. It has lasted us six years beyond its rated life expectancy. The time has come to replace our church roof. The Trustees are making plans and acquiring bids. The Finance Committee is working to develop a plan to meet the cost of the roof. We ask for prayers and God's guidance to lead us to the best ways to meet this necessity.

Parsonage: You may recall last August, the air conditioning failed at the parsonage, and in January the furnace broke and was temporarily repaired. A contract was signed to replace the heating cooling system at the parsonage this spring. (Our tithe, usually sent to the Annual Conference, has been deposited in our Green Day Fund, to pay for this replacement. It has also been determined that the 1950's vintage single paned windows in the parsonage need to be replaced with energy efficient windows, this will pay for themselves in energy savings. This project are to be completed this spring.

Trinity United Methodist Church Vision Planning

*The Church with the
warm heart of Christ
Spreading Joy
Offering Hope
Loving All*

Event Information

- ▶ Saturday, April 21, 2018
- ▶ 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- ▶ Church Social Hall
- ▶ Breakfast will be served
- ▶ Interested helping with this event?
Contact: Jonathan 724-272-5288

You are invited!

This retreat is designed for all participants to gain insight and participate in learning about and growing the ministries of TUMC. Regardless of the last time you attended church, whether this past week or three years ago, come and help prepare TUMC's future.

Now is the time that you can make a difference in the following areas:

Education	Marketing	Technology
Stephen's Ministry	Prayer Ministry	Caring Ministry
Community Day	Men's Ministry	Artist Group
Family Fun Night	Praise Team	VBS
Service Projects	Mid-Week Connection	Bible Studies

If you have an idea/area not listed here, bring the idea and share on 4/21!

WORSHIP AND HOSPITALITY NEWS

Pastor Alyce Weaver-Dunn will fill the pulpit on Sunday, April 8 at both the 9AM and 11AM services. There will be a potluck brunch, sponsored by the Heavenly Hands Crafters (we owe our name to her), in Pastor Alyce's honor at 10AM on that day. Bring your favorite brunch dish and celebrate with us!

BRUNCHES: We would like to continue to have these brunches every other month or so and are looking for individuals, groups or committees who would be willing to setup, oversee, and clean up. Let the offices know if interested.

DO YOU KNOW? That last year during the weeks of Lent/Easter Pastor Greg made the suggestion to offer beverages & snacks between worship services. Our hope has been to help folks get closer as friends and to welcome our guests. We now have had the hospitality hour for **ONE YEAR** already. So, what do you think? **HOW IS OUR HOSPITALITY? HOW HAS YOUR HOSPITALITY BEEN LATELY?** Take some time over a snack and some coffee to talk and fellowship with the people with whom you worship.

Do you also know that you play a part in this ministry? Not only by your participation but by providing a delicious snack for everyone to enjoy (4 to 5 dozens), providing juice boxes and hot chocolate for the kiddos and also by giving monetary donation to buy coffee and tea.

Want to give in other ways:

*Pasta sauce and THIN spaghetti for our Community Dollar Dinner, which is held every third Wednesday of every month.

*BOGO (Buy One-Give One) ministry. All donations given go our Allegheny Valley Association of Churches (AVAC) to help replenish their food bank.

*Candy for the Children, a little goody is given to the kids during the children's message. The children really look forward to receiving that piece of candy. Think of buying ADULT candy. No penny candy like (laffy taffy, is that easy for you to chew?) How about m&m's , skittles, lollypops, or miniature candy bars.

When was the last time you invited someone to try our church?

With all the improvements we are making to insure our mission to proclaim the Good News, it won't do much good unless we invite and bring people to meet Christ and our congregation and become part of the church. Do not presume people have already made up their minds, or talk yourself out of making the invitation, fearing the worst. People love it when friends and neighbors care for them. We have nothing to lose and everything to gain. They have everything to gain and nothing to lose. The kingdom only grows when we offer the warmth and love of Jesus Christ to the world, and we all have a stake in the future of our church and the kingdom of God.

Show your love for God, enthusiasm for our church, and compassion for them, by inviting people to our worship. Everybody could use a "truly good time" on the weekend. Let's invite everybody!

THANK YOU!!!

A Lenten Thank you. We are so blessed at Trinity to have such wonderful volunteers who in our busy seasons keep us going. We thank those who prepared for our Ash Wednesday services, those who cooked our Lenten soups and those who delivered, those who wrote devotionals for our Lenten Devotionals and those who typed and folded, those who setup, cooked and setup silent communion for our Maundy Thursday meal, those who decorated our Easter altar and everyone that helped and participated in our three Easter services, those who bought Easter lilies and made donations to the Noah fund. Lastly for everyone who helps with hospitality hour, by providing a snack and cleaning up and for the setup and teardown of the social room every Sunday.

IT TAKES EVERYONE TO HELP IN MAKING MINISTRY BENEFICIAL AND REWARDING FOR ALL!!!

The Worship Committee would like to thank everyone who contributed to The Lenten Devotional. A thank you, also, to Dawn, Colleen, and Gayla for putting the booklet together. Your personal reflections of your relationship with Christ have enhanced the faith journey of all who have read these meditations during this holy season.

The Soup of the Month program for January, February, and March has been very successful. Not only have we been able to share the soup with our shut-ins, but the sale of the soup has raised over \$1400 which has benefited the Noah Fund. We are considering extending the program to include the months of November and December in the future. Our gratitude goes out to all who purchased the soup. God bless you.

Dear Trinity Family:

I want to thank everyone for the prayers and wonderful cards you sent me during my illness. Thank you to Pastor Greg for your prayers and your visit at my home and hospital. Thank you all so very much, Gayle McCurdy

Dear Trinity Family,

I would like to thank everyone for all the kind words, cards and prayers for my mother Gayle McCurdy while she was in the hospital. A big thank you to Pastor Greg for all his visits to see mom at home and in the hospital, they always made mom feel better.

I would like to thank Pastor Greg for being there for me through this difficult time. It was a hard thing going through and I knew Pastor and my Trinity family was with me.

God Bless, Bonnie Fisher

RETAIL STORES	%	#	@	Denom.	Total	RETAIL STORES	%	#	@	Denom.	Total
Ace Hardware	4		@	\$25/\$100		Marshall's/TJ Maxx	7		@	\$25	
Advance Auto Parts	7		@	\$25		Marshall's/TJ Maxx	7		@	\$100	
American Eagle Outfitters	9		@	\$25		Mar's Warehouse	8		@	\$25	
Bariana Republic/Gap/Navy	9		@	\$25		Office Depot	4		@	\$25	
Barnes & Noble/B. Dalton	9		@	\$10		Office Max	5		@	\$25	
Barnes & Noble/B. Dalton	9		@	\$25		Old Navy/Gap	9		@	\$25	
Bath & Body Works	13		@	\$10		Payless Shoes	13		@	\$20	
Bath & Body Works	13		@	\$25		Pier 1 Imports	9		@	\$25	
Bed Bath & Beyond	7		@	\$25		RiteAid	4		@	\$25	
Best Buy	2		@	\$25		Ross Dress for Less	8		@	\$25	
Best Buy	2		@	\$100		Sears	4		@	\$25	
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BoRics	8		@	\$25		Staples	5		@	\$25	
Brooks Brothers	16		@	\$25		Staples	5		@	\$100	
Brookstone	12		@	\$25		Talbots	11		@	\$25	
Cabelas	11		@	\$25/\$100		Total Access 675 minutes	15		@	\$20	
Children's Place (The)	12		@	\$25		Toys/Babies/Kids R Us	1.5		@	\$20	
Clores	9		@	\$10		Walgreens	2		@	\$20/\$100	
CVS Pharmacy	2		@	\$25		Wal-Mart/Sams Club	2		@	\$25/100/250	
Dick's Sporting Goods	5		@	\$25		Extra Stuff					
Family Christian Stores	9		@	\$25		Scrip Wallet-not available	15		@	\$1	
Finish Line	10		@	\$25		Gift Card Wrappers-16 pack	20		@	\$5.60	
Footlocker/Champs	9		@	\$25		Gas	%		@	Denom.	Total
Funas	4		@	\$15		BP Cash Card	2		@	\$50	
Game Stop	3		@	\$25		Exxon/Mobil	1.5		@	\$50	
Gap/GapKids/BabyGap	9		@	\$25		Sheetz	3		@	\$25	
GNC	8		@	\$25		Sheetz	3		@	\$100	
Hallmark	4		@	\$25		Shell	1.5		@	\$25	
Home Depot	3		@	\$25		Shell	1.5		@	\$100	
Home Depot	3		@	\$100		Sunoco/A Plus	1.5		@	\$50	
Home Depot	3		@	\$500		Gulf Oil	2		@	\$25	
JC Penney	5		@	\$25		Total Page 1 \$					
JC Penney	5		@	\$100							
Jo-Ann Fabrics	6		@	\$20		MORE RETAILERS ON OTHER SIDE					
Kohl's Department Store	4		@	\$25							
Kohl's Department Store	4		@	\$100							
Kmart	2		@	\$25							
Kmart	4		@	\$50							
Land's End	9		@	\$25/\$100							
Macy's	10		@	\$25							
Macy's	10		@	\$100							
Limited	9		@	\$25							
L.L. Bean	15		@	\$25/\$100							
Lowe's Home Improvement	4		@	\$25							
Lowe's Home Improvement	4		@	\$100/\$500							
Lowe's Home Improvement	4		@	\$25							
Lowe's Home Improvement	4		@	\$100/\$500							
Michaels	4		@	\$25							

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RESTAURANTS/FOOD					GROCERY						
	%	#	@	Denom.	Total		%	#	@	Denom.	Total
Applebee's	8		@	\$25/\$50		GIANT EAGLE	4		@	\$25	
Arby's	8		@	\$10		GIANT EAGLE	4		@	\$100	
Baskin Robbins	9		@	\$2		COMMUNITY MARKET	4		@	\$50	
Bob Evans	10		@	\$10		COMMUNITY MARKET	4		@	\$100	
Boston Market	12		@	\$10							
Briigger's Bagels	5		@	\$10							
Buca di Beppo	8		@	\$25		MISC			@	Denom.	Total
Burger King	4		@	\$10		AMC/Loews Theatres	7		@	\$25	
Chili's	11		@	\$25		AMC/Loews Single Ticket	16		@	\$9.50	
Chuck E. Cheese	8		@	\$10		Blockbuster Gift Card	7		@	\$10	
Cracker Barrel	9		@	\$10		Blockbuster Single Movie	15		@	\$3.79	
Damon's	9		@	\$25		Blockbuster	15		@	\$6.00	
Dave & Busters	13		@	\$25		Blockbuster	15		@	\$12.00	
Denny's	7		@	\$10		Cinemark Theatres	4		@	\$25	
Dunkin Donuts	4		@	\$10		Hollywood Video	16		@	\$10	
East N Park	10		@	\$10							
East N Park	10		@	\$25							
Kentucky Fried Chicken	9		@	\$5							
Long John Silvers	8		@	\$5							
Longhorn Steakhouse	9		@	\$25							
Max & Emmas-not available											
Michaels	4		@	\$25							
Outback Steakhouse	5		@	\$25							
Panera Bread	9		@	\$10							
Papa John's Pizza	8		@	\$10							
Pizza Hut	8		@	\$10							
Ponderosa-not available											
Rd Libs/Olive Garden/Longhorn	9		@	\$25							
Red Robin	9		@	\$25							
Fat Tuesday	8		@	\$25							
Spaghetti Warehouse	18		@	\$20							
Starbucks	7		@	\$10							
Starbucks	7		@	\$25							
Steak n Shake	6		@	\$10							
Subway	3		@	\$10							
Texas Roadhouse	8		@	\$25							
TGI Friday's	9		@	\$25							
Qdoba	7		@	\$25							
Wendy's	4		@	\$10							
						Total Page 2	\$				
						Total from Page 1	\$				
						Total from Page 2	\$				
						Grand Total - Amount Due	\$				

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PRAYER

*When you feel helpless and at the end of your rope,
Feel in your heart that there is always a hope,
Alone in the dark, I'll sit on the floor,
I'll rise to my knees and speak to the Lord,
I'll speak aloud, but soft as can be,
He listens you know, for he truly knows me,
There are times when life's hard and I'm fighting back tears,
I am not afraid, because God has great ears
Is it written somewhere amongst human laws,
That we're not judged for our good doings, but rather our flaws?
As our journey unfolds and our paths unwind
Does life have no conscience if we're left behind?
We pray for your answers and our ignorance to cease
Please grant us the courage to find inner peace
Life's full of mystery, but I feel there's no doubt
The Lord's right beside us when our faith seems burned out
It seems life's a chain that forever grows longer,
As we strive toward our goals, our faith will grow stronger
When everything is blurry and you feel you've lost sight,
Open your heart and He'll turn on the light
When you feel helpless and at the end of your rope,
KNOW in your heart that there is always a hope.*

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