

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THE MESSENGER

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2026

EASTER AT TRINITY



It's hard to believe, but Easter is almost here! We will worship on Easter Sunday morning, April 5, at our regular 10:30 a.m. time and all are welcome! Our service will feature special music and Holy Communion. This year's Easter Offering will benefit the Wesley Foundation, the United Methodist campus ministry at Purdue, as they continue raising funds to cover the cost of their new ministry center. You can learn more about this offering on page 2 of this newsletter. Before Easter, join us on Good Friday, April 3, at 6:30 p.m. for interactive prayer stations and a brief Tenebrae service.

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But the angel said to the women, "Don't be afraid. I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He isn't here, because he's been raised from the dead, just as he said."

-Matthew 28: 5-6a (CEB)

EASTER AT TRINITY

EASTER OFFERING

BENEFITTING THE WESLEY FOUNDATION

Trinity's special Easter offering this year supports the Wesley Foundation at Purdue, the United Methodist spiritual home-away-from-home for Purdue students. Wesley is undertaking a historic \$1.5 million campaign as they construct a new building on campus. In addition to space for worship and fellowship, the building will feature suites to house 34 students, creating community living on campus. For more info, reach out to Pastor Mack, who works at Wesley as an Associate Pastor. This special offering will be collected through the end of April. Donate online via Vanco or make your check out to Trinity UMC and put Wesley Foundation or Easter offering in the memo line.



COMMUNITY GARDEN



Trinity's community garden could use your help as we get it ready for the season! Join our garden coordinator, Chris Barron, and friends on April 11 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. on the south lawn for mulching and planting. Bring your own garden tools if you have them! Questions? Reach out to Chris via email at cnb101@bellsouth.net.

DISCIPLESHIP

SPIRITUAL FRIENDS CONTINUES TO MEET MONDAYS

The Trinity Spiritual Friends small group will continue to meet during the Easter season beginning Monday, April 20, at 11 a.m. in the Great Room. This group, led by Pastor Suzanne, grows our relationships with God and with each other through reflection on scripture, conversation, and fellowship. Coffee is always served, and new friends are welcome to join us as we begin a new Easter focus on Mondays from April 20 through May 26.



FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

SECOND SUNDAY LUNCH

SUNDAY, APRIL 12 AFTER CHURCH



Bring a dish to share and stick around after worship on Sunday, April 12 for our next Second Sunday Lunch. These take place every second Sunday in the Great Room unless otherwise noted. Not sure what to bring? We can always use more main dishes.

All are welcome at this afternoon of food and fellowship!

MISSIONS & JUSTICE

LUM FUNDRAISER: HOPE FOR TOMORROW

On Friday, April 10, LUM is hosting a special evening to support all the programs Lafayette Urban Ministry provides to support our neighbors in crisis. The evening will include dinner, fellowship, a live auction. Stories of LUM's impact will be shared: "Together, we can lift one another up, stand in the gap for our neighbors, and create real, lasting change. Join us to support our neighbors and make a mighty impact—because when we come together, hope for tomorrow becomes possible today." The event is at The Stine Barn at Prophetstown, 4950 Swisher Rd, West Lafayette. Doors open at 6pm, and tickets are \$75.



CHILDREN'S HOME RECOVERY HOUSE

Last spring, Trinity collected a special offering for the handcrafted dining table for the new recovery home being built at the Lebanon Children's Home. This table will be the place that the young people, teaching parents, and staff of this home will gather for meals, fellowship, and meetings – it will be a special hub of the home. This home is a new space that supports the recovery of youth who have been affected by substance-use disorder. We celebrate with this ministry the opening of this new home and pray for this community as students move in this spring. Members of Trinity who serve on the Children's Home Auxiliary Board include Kay Franscoviak, Norma Singley, and Judy Robbins. Kay continues to serve as president of this board.



YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

HONORING OUR GRADUATES

In May, we will recognize those in our Trinity family who are graduating in 2026. If you or a member of your family are completing any level of education (e.g., pre-k, Kindergarten, high school, college, certificate program, etc.) this year, please reach out to Pastor Mack via email (mack@trinitylafayette.org) as soon as possible and share your/their name, level/type of education being completed, and future plans!



BULLETIN BOARDS TRANSFORMED FOR SPRING

The two bulletin boards downstairs in our fellowship hall have been transformed for spring. Pastor Mack and Monica McDougal, our administrative assistant, work together to design and decorate these boards to add color and spiritual encouragement for Trinity's kids to enjoy.



BIRTHDAYS

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Nate Yoran	04/03
Lynn Guptill	04/09
Brian Youkey	04/21
Dinah Dalder	04/23
Robin Young	04/23
Jenn Agnew	04/25

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Is your birthday missing? We're sorry about that! Reach out to the church office, so we can update our records.



HOSPITALITY TEAMS:

BUILDING OPENERS

4/5: Brooks Leftwich
4/12: TBD
4/19: Jessi-Alex Brandon
4/26: Nate Yoran

USHERS:

4/5: Brooks Leftwich
4/12: Weng Chew & Chew Chin Phua
4/19: Kay Franscoviak
4/26: Jeff Caster

GREETERS:

4/5: Chris Erwin
4/12: Jenny Taylor
4/19: Norma Jean Singley & Kay Franscoviak
4/26: Norma Jean Singley & Kay Franscoviak

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 6P Choir Practice (Choir Room)	2	3 6:30P Good Friday Service (Sanc)	4
5 10:30A Easter Worship (Sanc)	6 OFFICE CLOSED: Easter Monday – All Staff Vacation	7	8 6P Choir Practice (Choir Room)	9	10	11
12 9A Sunday School (GR) 10:30A Worship (Sanc) 11:30A Second Sunday Lunch (GR)	13 11A Spiritual Friends (GR)	14 9A Staff Meeting (Office) 11:15A Fowler Study (Fowler Apts)	15 6P Choir Practice (Choir Room)	16	17	18
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OFFICE HOURS:

Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

WORSHIP WITH US:

Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

MISSION & VISION:

Mission: To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Vision: Embracing all to experience and share God's love.

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