



THE MESSENGER

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Growing in love and service through relationships with God and community

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Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2024



LENT BEGINS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

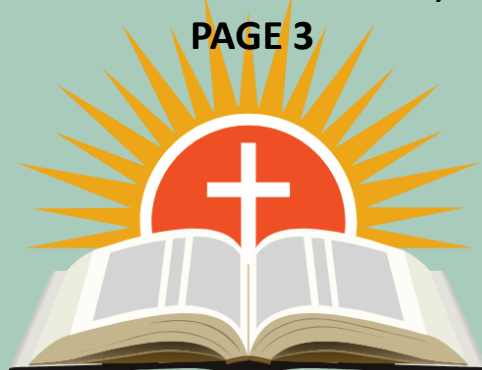
Lent begins this month on Ash Wednesday which is Wednesday, February 14. We will kick-off the Lenten season with a cooperative service at Noon on Feb. 14 at First Christian located directly across 6th Street from Trinity. Our friends at First Christian, St. John's Episcopal, and First Baptist join us in putting on this service every year. Join us at Noon for the service and the imposition of ashes as we enter into Lent and journey together towards the cross.

Trinity's Lenten services begin on Sunday, February 18th with our Lenten worship series Witness at the Cross, inspired by the book by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine which will also be our Lenten small group study book!

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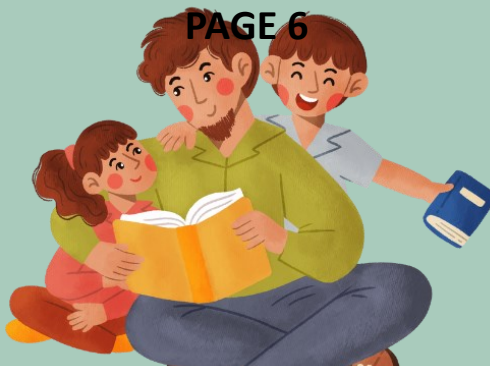
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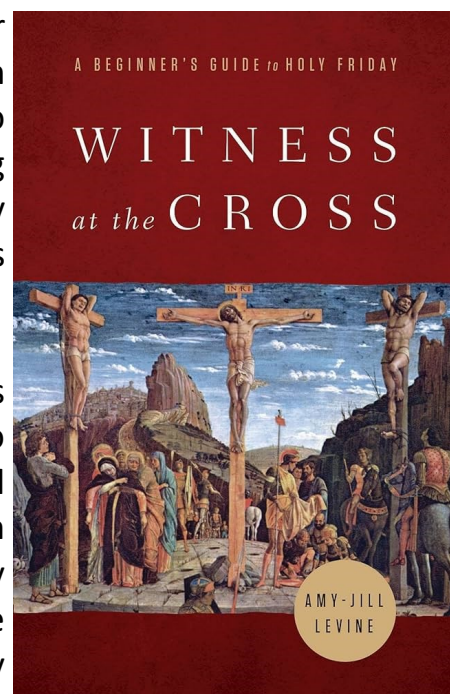


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Over the course of Lent, we have an opportunity to examine our faith and relationship with Jesus. Often times, we can learn more about our relationship with Jesus, as well as our witness to him, by examining characters in the Scripture. Beginning Thursday, February 15, Pastor Ben will be leading a Lenten study inspired by Levine's book that focuses on the characters surrounding the cross on Good Friday.

During each of the six weeks, we will explore the various characters we see in the four Gospels, from the bystanders to the soldiers, The Beloved Disciple to Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus. The study will be on Thursdays at 5 p.m., starting on Feb. 15 and ending on March 21. Please let Pastor Ben know by February 9 if you would like to participate so that books can be made available! You do not have to be able to attend every session.



Looking ahead to Holy Week:

Pastor Ben and Pastor Mack will be teaming up to bring us our Good Friday service this year. More details to come, but save the date for Friday, March 29.

Join us on Easter Sunday, March 31 as we celebrate the empty tomb and our risen Savior. More details to come in next month's newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP

We love seeing new faces here at Trinity UMC, and many of these new faces are becoming active participants in ministries here — which is even more exciting! If you would like to become a member of Trinity UMC, or are simply curious about the history of the United Methodist Church, new member classes will take place for three weeks following worship, beginning March 3. Each class will run approximately an hour. Installation of new members will take place on Easter. Please let Pastor Ben know if you are interested in participating as soon as possible!



DISCIPLESHIP

YOU'RE INVITED: BIBLE STUDY AT FOWLER APARTMENTS

Pastor Suzanne continues to lead a Bible study at Fowler Apartments twice a month. She is enjoying getting to know the residents at Fowler and is inspired by their stories, and she'd love for more folks in the congregation to join her.

Would you like to accompany Suzanne to Fowler one Tuesday to reflect on God's word with our Fowler neighbors? February dates are Tuesday, Feb. 6 and Tuesday, Feb. 20 at 11:15am. Reach out to Pastor Suzanne to claim your spot. Fowler is just a couple of blocks from Trinity on Ferry Street.



SANCTUARY YOGA

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**SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 24
10:00 AM**

**SATURDAY
MARCH 23
10:00 AM**



**Bring your mat and join us for yoga in our historic sanctuary.
Pay what you can. Proceeds benefit charity.**

MISSIONS & CARING

COMMUNION OFFERING CONTINUES TO HELP NEIGHBORS IN NEED

With the new year, there are changes in the way Trinity is channeling our financial support for vulnerable individuals and families in our community. In order to more efficiently connect folks seeking assistance with support, and also to enhance Trinity's support of Lafayette Urban Ministry, our assistance offering collected on Communion Sundays will now go directly to LUM's Good Samaritan Fund.

Every penny of this fund at LUM goes to financial assistance for utility bills, rent, prescription medications, work clothes, and food for folks in crisis in Greater Lafayette. Volunteers serve at LUM Monday through Friday morning to administer the Good Samaritan fund. This change will enable Trinity to partner with greater solidarity with LUM to serve our neighbors in need more effectively, and Pastor Suzanne is currently exploring opportunities with Wes Tillett, LUM's Executive Director.

Your Communion offering still meets the very same needs – the tangible needs of folks in crisis in our community. Your giving will just be channeled differently in the new year. Please continue to give so that Trinity can give compassionately to our neighbors in need. If you have questions, please reach out to Pastor Suzanne.

YOUR CHRISTMAS OFFERING MAKES A DIFFERENCE

At the end of last year, Trinity responded to the urgent needs of Family Promise by focusing our Christmas missions giving to this critical agency that serves unhoused families with children in our community. Trinity's Christmas offering to Family Promise totaled \$2,012. Thanks to all who gave to this important local mission!

FEBRUARY MISSION: FOWLER PANTRY

Trinity's February missions effort will support our neighbors at Fowler Apartments. Fowler is an affordable apartment community that serves senior adults and adults with disabilities, and a few of our Trinity members are part of the Fowler community. Stephanie Austin, services coordinator at Fowler, launched a new pantry at Fowler last year to assist residents with essentials that they need. Our February mission is a "pantry shower" for Fowler. Drop off any of these items in the bin on the first floor near the Trinity elevator during the month of February: toilet paper, paper towels, deodorant, detergent, toothpaste, toothbrushes, gloves, hats, and cleaning supplies.



MUSIC MINISTRY

Trinity UMC is excited to welcome

THE REMEDY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

DURING OUR 10:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

The Remedy is specialty small group within the Purduettes musical group. With their angelic voices and folksy charm, The Remedy sings an appealing variety of sacred and secular Americana music to heal souls in a wounded world.



Join the Easter Choir!

Reach out to Monica Shaeffer if you would like to join Trinity's choir for a special Easter performance!

YOUTH & FAMILIES

HOLIDAY MISSION TREE RECAP:

Thanks to your generosity, we've had another successful holiday mission tree!

This year, we received 50 hats, 50 pairs of gloves and mittens, three pairs of socks, and 20 pairs of underwear!

These items will be delivered to Miller Elementary to support students in need.



FUSION KIDS & PRISM:

Each month during Fusion, Pastor Mack offers activities and games for any kids in attendance.

In January, the kids painted rocks with a cool marble pattern (left) and played in the youth room.

Fusion takes place on the third Monday of every month at 6 p.m. in the Great Room.

Prism, Trinity's youth group, had a fun 2023. They closed out the year with a Christmas party featuring treats and holiday-themed games (right). Prism meets every Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the Great Room and is available for youth between 6th and 12th grades.



ONLINE GIVING



Looking to contribute to our offering, missions campaign, etc. but need to do so via card?

Use the QR Code provided to access our online giving platform! Our online giving platform can also be found on our website:

trinitylafayette.org/give

STAINED GLASS RESTORATION FUND



Our ongoing restoration project for our stained glass windows continues. The six stained glass windows on the south side of the Sanctuary are completely restored. Check out the dramatic improvement in appearance of these windows from the outside, which is very close to what they looked like when installed about 1920 by Edna Browning Ruby.

The final step for the south side windows is the placing of internal acrylic glazing for thermal insulation of the Sanctuary, which will occur this winter. The first window of the North side of the sanctuary has been removed and is being rebuilt at this time. By spring, six windows on this side will be rebuilt and reinstalled.

Your contributions help to fund this project alongside grant funding that we receive through the Division of Historic Preservation & Archaeology within the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). To learn more about this project and the history of our windows, check out our website trinitylafayette.org/history. You can donate to this project through this website. Thank you for your ongoing support of this once-in-a century project.

HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY OPENERS:

Feb. 4 — Brooks Leftwich
Feb. 11 — Brent Clemenz
Feb. 18 — Mel Shoaf
Feb. 25 — Nate Yoran

FEBRUARY GREETERS:

Feb. 4 — Jeff Caster
Feb. 11 — Chris Erwin
Feb. 18 — Kay Franscoviak & Norma Singley
Feb. 25 — Kay Franscoviak & Norma Singley

FEBRUARY USHERS:

Feb. 4 — Brooks Leftwich
Feb. 11 — Weng Chew
& Chew Chin Phua
Feb. 18 — Mel Shoaf





FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Is your birthday missing? Let us know!

Betty Tyrie	02/01
Marna Martin	02/05
Claire Glebe	02/06
Neva Agnew	02/08
Rhys Agnew	02/11
Susan Eicher	02/14
Amanda Grossman	02/14
Mark Peek	02/14
Erik Cederquist	02/18
Hannah Starr	02/18
Mack Owings	02/18
Marsha Schmid	02/19
Jane Denney	02/20
Dale Harner	02/25
Diane Jones	02/27
Dave Yoran	02/29



TRINITY'S BOARD

Chairperson: Dinah Dalder
Vice Chair: Kathy Manwaring
Treasurer: Claudia Alenduff
Lay Leader: Kay Franscoviak
Finance: Emily Spilker
Trustees: Steve Ash
Staff Parish: Larry Fraser
Secretary: Emily Sheetz
Endowment: Ryan Wynkoop
Discipleship Team Leader: Kay Franscoviak
Missions/Outreach: Kathy Manwaring & Betty Jackson
At Large Member: Brooks Leftwich

COMMUNICATIONS

Have pictures from church events or a story to share? Send them to Monica in the office at info@trinitylafayette.org.

Website: www.trinitylafayette.org

Facebook: [Trinity United Methodist Church, Lafayette, IN](https://www.facebook.com/TrinityUnitedMethodistChurchLafayetteIN)

Be sure to like us on Facebook and share posts and events on your own wall and invite your friends! This is a great way to spread the word about our outreach events.



OFFICE INFO

Trinity's office is open on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. During office hours the inner office door will be locked to better manage visitors and ensure safety for office staff.

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509 North Street

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Sunday Worship Services

Trinity Connect (Zoom) at 9:15 a.m.

In-Person Worship (Sanctuary) at 10:30 a.m.

Office Hours

Mondays, Tuesdays, & Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Trinity's Mission Statement:

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

Trinity's Vision Statement:

Growing in love and service through relationships with God and community.

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