



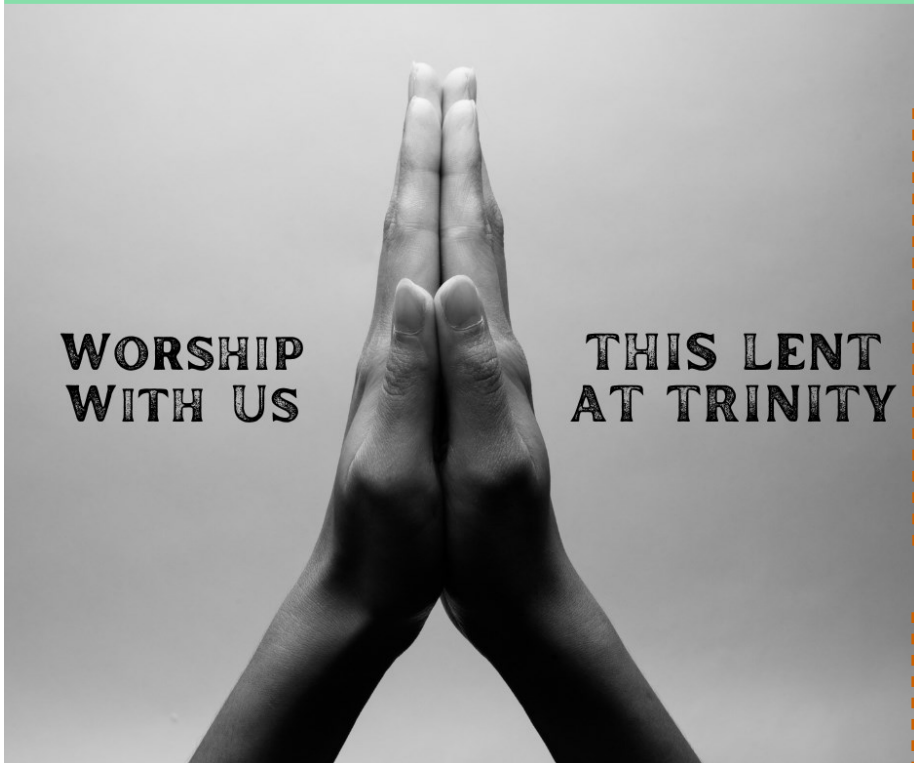
THE MESSENGER

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

MARCH 2025



WORSHIP
WITH US

THIS LENT
AT TRINITY

STEPPING INTO THE LENTEN SEASON

Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent is a time of repentance, contemplation, and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. Trinity has multiple ways to connect this Lenten season!

FAT TUESDAY: Trinity's annual Fat Tuesday (*Mardi Gras*) potluck and service will be on Tuesday, March 4 at 6 p.m. in the Great Room. Bring out a dish to share for a potluck dinner! The Trinity archives will be open, and we will begin remembering Trinity's 200 years of missions and service. Toward the end of our time together, we will observe an imposition of ashes as a



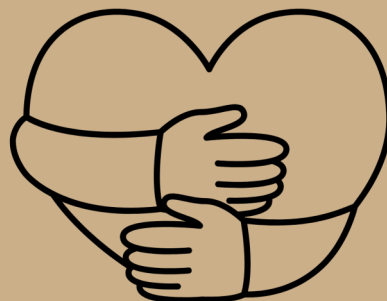
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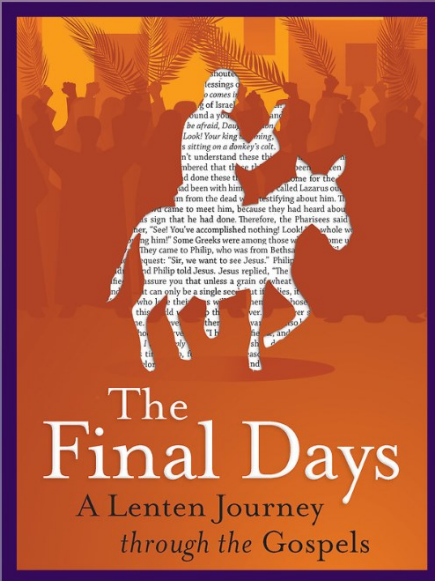


way to help us start our Lenten preparation period for Easter. Suggestions for what to bring: those with last names beginning with A-G bring an appetizer, H-Q a main dish, and R-Z a dessert. We look forward to celebrating alongside one another!

ASH WEDNESDAY: Trinity will join our friends at some neighboring downtown churches for a community Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday, March 5 at noon. Trinity will host the event.

SMALL GROUPS: Sign-ups for Pastor Ben's study on *The Final Days: A Lenten Journey through the Gospels* and Pastor Suzanne's group exploring practices from the book *Miracle: When Christ Touches Our Deepest Need* are located in the vestibule by the elevator. Information on dates and times can be found in the image below.

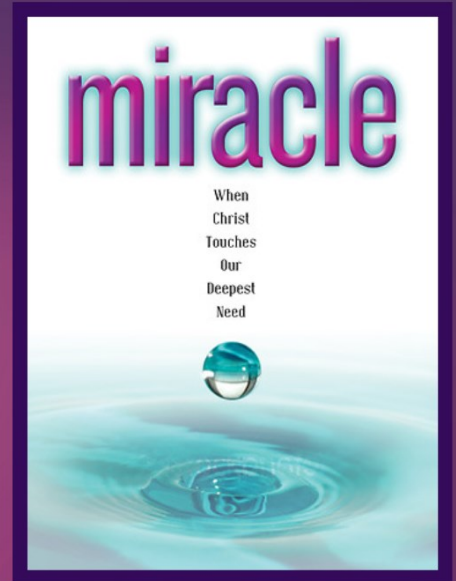
SMALL GROUPS THIS LENT



The Final Days study
with Pastor Ben:
Sundays at 9 a.m.
(3/9 – 4/13) OR
Tuesdays at 6 p.m.
(3/11 – 4/15)

Miracle study
with Pastor Suzanne:
Mondays at 10:45 a.m.
(3/10 – 4/14)

Sign-up in the vestibule
by the elevator or
contact the office.



WOMEN'S RETREAT — LIVING WELL THROUGH LENT: Trinity women are invited to a retreat day dedicated to refreshing your heart, soul, strength, and mind in preparation for the Lenten season. Led by Spiritual Directors Missy Schroeder and Pastor Suzanne, this retreat invites meaningful fellowship, personal reflection, and spiritual growth—all in a nurturing and supportive community. Highlights include sessions on nurturing faith and personal well-being, spiritual practices to help you center and grow, and fellowship with other women of faith.

- **When:** Saturday, March 8 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Where:** West Lafayette First United Methodist Church
- **Who:** Women of Trinity UMC and Our Savior Lutheran Church. Register through the sign-up sheet in the sanctuary, by contacting Pastor Suzanne, or via the QR code at right.
- **Cost:** \$35 and includes light breakfast, lunch & snacks. Scholarships are available; we do not want finances to be a barrier. Make checks payable to OSLC w/ "women's retreat" in the memo line.



A NOTE FROM PASTOR BEN: LENT BEGINS

In the opening pages of this newsletter, you've read about Trinity's Lenten events. From our Fat Tuesday potluck to the community Ash Wednesday service, there are multiple opportunities for us to start off the Lenten season — but what exactly is Lent?

The season of Lent is a time of preparation for us to spiritually ready ourselves for the impact of Easter. We start off this 40 day period of time on Ash Wednesday where we remind ourselves that we have a ways to go, that we are far from perfect. In the midst of the imposition of ashes, the one placing the ashes on your forehead (or back of your hand, if you prefer) states, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return" or "Repent, and believe the Gospel." It is a reminder of our mortality as we lead up to the death of Jesus. This preparation period isn't meant to beat ourselves up. Instead, it's an invitation to grow in our discipleship and our ability to love like God loves us. It's an invitation to prepare ourselves to experience new life with Jesus.



We prepare ourselves in a variety of different ways. Many will choose to give something up, a "fast" from some decadence or luxury. I've heard of many things being given up from candy to television. For some, they choose to give something up as a way to sacrifice (even if just the smallest fraction of an amount) because Christ sacrificed so much for us. Other people choose to give something up because they recognize that it has become a distraction for them that keeps them from focusing on that which is more important like their relationship with God, with others, or with their selves.

Another way that we prepare ourselves is to be intentional in our prayer time — especially if we have not been intentionally praying. Some may choose to do so at the beginning of the day, while others at the end. Some will use devotional books like "My Utmost for His Highest," while others will practice lectio divina (praying over a repeated reading of a piece of scripture). Others still choose to join others in study and prayer (not unlike *The Final Days* study what I will be leading, or exploring spiritual practices with Pastor Suzanne's group as they study the book *Miracle: When Christ Touches our Deepest Need*.)

FELLOWSHIP & DISCIPLESHIP

SECOND SUNDAY LUNCH



Bring a dish to share and stick around after worship on **SUNDAY, MARCH 9** for food & fellowship with your church family. Not sure what to bring? We can always use more main dishes!



TRINITY CONNECT: Church from Anywhere

Looking for a way to engage in community online? Try out Trinity Connect at **8 p.m. on Sundays**.

Learn more at trinitylafayette.org/trinityconnect

CARING MINISTRY

UMCOR SUNDAY: TOGETHER OUR REACH IS BEYOND MEASURE

On March 30, United Methodist churches across the world will come together to alleviate human suffering and restore hope and healing through donating to The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), the disaster relief arm of our denomination.

100% of your donation on UMCOR Sunday covers the operational cost of UMCOR, so that every dollar received for emergency appeals throughout the year will go directly to communities in need.

Your support helps the UMC respond to humanitarian and relief efforts. Trinity will collect a special UMCOR Sunday offering on March 30.

To learn more about UMCOR and their work, visit their website at: umcmmission.org/umcor



UMCOR responds to natural disasters, war, famine, etc. here in the United States and around the world. Recently, UMCOR delivered 1,000 flood buckets and 500 hygiene kits to assist those impacted by flooding in Appalachia as shown in the image above.

CARING MINISTRY

TRINITY SUPPORTS LUM FOOD PANTRY

The Lafayette Urban Ministry (LUM) Food Pantry operates on Mondays and Thursdays out of St. John's, right across from Trinity. This pantry is meaningful for Trinity members who shop at the pantry and Trinity volunteers who help at the pantry. About 200 individuals and families shop at the pantry each week – it makes a real difference in our community.



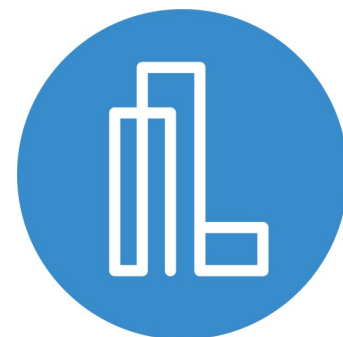
Kathy Manwaring (pictured above on the right in plaid) and Kay Franscoviak (pictured at right in red) volunteer at the LUM pantry in February. Some may recognize volunteer Jim Mitchell in the picture with Kathy.



LUM WE'VE GOT TALENT: SAVE THE DATE FOR APRIL 11

We've Got Talent is the annual fundraiser for LUM's Good Samaritan Fund, an emergency financial assistance fund that supports local families & individuals in need. The amateur talent competition, held at St. Andrew UMC, is judged by a panel of local experts. The event features a live show plus refreshments & other surprises. Reach out to the missions chairs – Kathy Manwaring or Betty Ruth, if you'd like to save a seat at a Trinity table. Details are as follows:

- **Date:** Friday, April 11
- **Time:** Doors open – 5:30, show starts 6:30
- **Place:** St. Andrew United Methodist Church, West Lafayette
- **Donation:** \$35 per person; \$280 per table (max. 8)



**LAFAYETTE
URBAN
MINISTRY**

FINANCE

CHANGES TO COUNTING SCHEDULE

Sunday morning offerings, and all other physical contributions, are counted by volunteers from the congregation. Recently one of our four counters, Kathy Fraser, has had to step away from counting and we've had to adjust our counting schedule. Claudia Alenduff and Pam Delaplane count every other month, and Judy Robbins counts the other months with Claudia and Pam rotating as co-counter. Due to this change, we've had to be more flexible with our counting schedule to account for the availability of our counters. Therefore, the governing board voted in January to change our counting schedule from once per week to every other week, except for Christmas and Easter when an additional count will be scheduled.

What this means for our givers is that it might take an additional week for your checks to be processed through our bank. If you have any questions about this change, reach out to Monica McDougal, our administrative assistant, in the church office via phone (765-742-1288) or via email (monica@trinitylafayette.org). We are very grateful for our counting volunteers! If you'd like to learn more about how you can volunteer to be part of the counting team, let Monica know.

MUSIC MINISTRY

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MUSIC LOVERS

If you have a passion for church music or are looking to find a small group for your creative outlet, reach out to Monica Shaeffer to learn more about Trinity's music ministry. From our regular choir performance, to more specific experiences with the bell choir or the Easter choir, there is something for everyone! If you sing or play an instrument and are willing to share your talents, volunteer to perform special music during a Sunday morning offertory. You can reach Monica Shaeffer via email at music@trinitylafayette.org.

MEMBERSHIP

WELCOMING NEW CHURCH MEMBERS

On Sunday, February 16, Trinity welcomed three more new members: Gary Stuart, Carol Stuart, and Lisa Brown. Join us in celebrating Gary, Carol, and Lisa (officially) to the Trinity family!

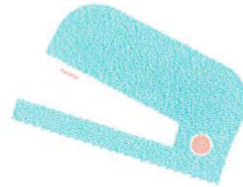
If you are interested in learning more about Trinity, The United Methodist Church, or what it means to become a professing member, reach out to Pastor Ben or the church office.



COMMUNITY

TAKE WHAT YOU WILL USE, DONATE WHAT YOU CAN!

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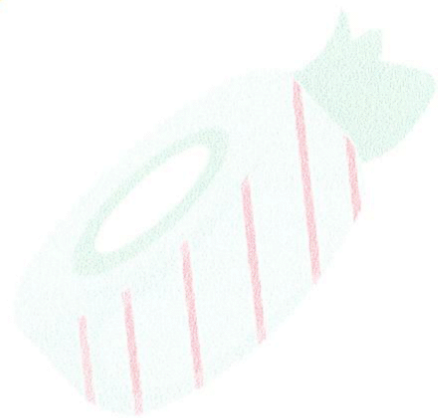
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MARY ANTHROP

MARCH 8, 2025
9AM-3PM



TRINITY UNITED METHODIST

509 NORTH STREET
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MARY LOVED CRAFTING AND ONE OF HER WISHES WAS TO SHARE HER COLLECTION WITH OTHERS. AT HER REQUEST, SUPPLIES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR DONATIONS MADE TO TRICIA'S HOPE, INC, SUPPORTING INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES AFFECTED BY CANCER.



LEARN MORE ABOUT
TRICIA'S HOPE INC AT
WWW.TRICIASHOPE.COM

CONDOLENCES



SHARING THE RECENT PASSING OF BOBBIE LIPSETT

Bobbie Lipsett, who had been part of the Trinity family the past few years before moving to Indianapolis last summer, passed away in February after an illness. We miss Bobbie (pictured left in between Claudia Alenduff and Hannah Starr) and keep her loved ones in our prayers.

ONLINE GIVING



Looking to contribute to our offering, missions needs, 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

SANCTUARY YOGA

Sanctuary Yoga

SATURDAY, MARCH 22 at 10 A.M.

Join us in our beautiful sanctuary for a morning of yoga. All levels are welcome. This is a "pay what you can" event, and the proceeds benefit charity.



HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE

MARCH BUILDING OPENERS:

3/2 — Mack Owings
3/9 — Emily Halpern
3/16 — Nate Yoran
3/23 — TBD
3/30 — Ryan Wynkoop

MARCH USHERS:

3/2 — Chris Erwin
3/9 — Emily Halpern
3/16 — Dinah Dalder
3/23 — Claudia Alenduff
3/30 — Ryan Wynkoop

MARCH GREETERS:

3/2 — Jeff Caster
3/9 — Chris Erwin
3/16 — Noah Radde
3/23 — Kay Franscoviak &
Norma Singley
3/30 — Claudia Alenduff



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Brian Dalder	03/02
Jamie Volom	03/02
Chris Jewell	03/04
Jennifer Gray	03/14
Susie Riley	03/14
Matthew Yoran	03/15
George Morgan	03/17
Brooke Cederquist Galema	03/24
Chris Lilly	03/28
Donna Pusey	03/28

Is your birthday missing? We're sorry about that! Please reach out and let us know, so that we can celebrate with you and update our records.



TRINITY'S BOARD

- Chairperson:** Kristi Evans
- Vice Chair:** Kathy Manwaring
- Treasurer:** Wanda Fisher
- Lay Leader:** Kay Franscoviak
- Finance:** Lynn Guptill
- Trustees:** Steve Ash
- Staff Parish:** Hannah Starr
- Secretary:** Emily Sheetz
- Endowment:** Ryan Wynkoop
- At-Large Member:** Brooks Leftwich
- Missions/Outreach:** Kathy Manwaring & Betty Jackson

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.

MARCH 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 10:30A Worship (Sanc) 8P Connect (Zoom)	3	4 9:30A Staff Meeting (Office) 6P Fat Tues. Potluck (6P)	5 10A Fowler Study (Fowler) 12P Community Ash Wed. Service (Sanc) 6P Choir (Choir Rm)	6 OFFICE OPEN NOON TO 3	7	8 9A to 3P Maker's Market (GR) 9A Women's Retreat (First UMC West Lafayette)
9 9A Pastor Ben Study (GR) 10:30A Worship (Sanc) 11:30A 2nd Sun Lunch (GR) 8P Connect (Zoom)	10 OFFICE OPEN NOON TO 3 10:45A Pastor Suzanne Small Group (GR)	11 OFFICE CLOSED 6P Pastor Ben Study (GR)	12 6P Choir (Choir Rm)	13	14	15
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Sunday Worship Service

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

Office Hours

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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.

Our Team

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