

Trinity News

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Mission Statement:

As the church continues to move forward Aligning with God's word and His love we have a new mission statement to help guide us on the journey-

"We are the body of Christ sharing His Love with ALL".

The Mission of the United Methodist Denomination:

The mission of the church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world

Pastor

Leslie Halchak

Secretary

Je Eshleman

Custodian

Randy Peters

Organist

Sue Peters

Treasurer

Gail Saxton

Lay Leader

Pastor's Introduction

There was once a king who owned a huge, perfect diamond. It was the pride of the empire. Somehow, the diamond became scratched. It was a long, hairline scratch, and it broke the king's heart to see his greatest treasure destroyed. But he refused to be defeated. He sent out an order through the whole empire, "To anyone who can repair the diamond, I will give an enormous reward."

Several of the best diamond cutters came to the palace, but after inspecting the gem, they refused to even touch it. Finally, an artist came forth, and she asked the king if she could take the diamond home for a few weeks. "Its greatest flaw shall become its greatest beauty." So the king agreed. When the artist returned, everyone held their breath as the king carefully unwrapped the stone, and upon seeing it, they all let out a gasp! The artist had turned the hairline scratch into the stem of an exquisite rose carved onto the face of the diamond. It was even more beautiful than it had been before.

Tragedy becomes triumph. Flaws become beauty. Grace abounds. Jeremiah 20:10-13 reminds us that the Lord is always with us. Always. When we face the disappointments of life, the Lord is with us. When our church faces scandals that attract the world's attention, the Lord is with us. Christ's own life reflected the Truth of God. His own life showed that tragedy becomes triumph. Flaws become beauty. Grace abounds. Christ our mighty champion, has triumphed over all despair, and revealed a beauty that is more than we can dream. The greatest flaws of the world have the potential to become the world's greatest beauty.

Spring is right around the corner. I know many folks are waiting for it. Ash Wednesday started the season of Lent, a time for reflection and prayer like none other. We have faith that God is good and will take care of us. We believe God loves the world. Yet just believing in a loving God is not enough. God requires that we prove his love by practicing love ourselves. In this way, we become signs of God's love for all to see. Lent is a special time of year when we try especially hard to do good works. But, hopefully, our actions



in Lent will spread to other times of the year as well. (Family Devotions, Steve & Sue Givens).

Let us work hard and pray hard during this Lenten Season, for it leads us into the Resurrection of Jesus Christ!

We are free, forgiven and empowered to love and live for Christ because we know that we are on this side of the resurrection.

Friends, I covet your prayers as I undergo surgery for a knee replacement on March 4 and then of course the therapy.

Praise God! This is a day of new beginnings !

Blessings for a joyous and wonderful Easter!

Pastor Leslie

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Holy week services:

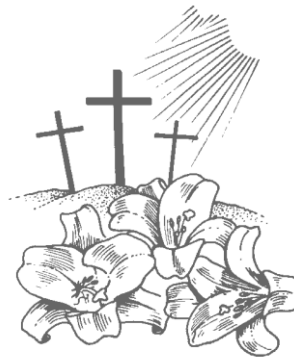
Holy Thursday at Otterbein 7pm.

Good Friday at Trinity 7pm.

Sunrise Service at Otterbein 6:30am.

Breakfast following.

Resurrection service at regular times.



Easter Egg Hunt

April 11

Otterbein at 1pm



Homemade Turkey or Ham Pot Pie Dinner

Pepper cabbage or Applesauce.

Dessert & Beverage.

\$8 for Adults. \$4 for kids 5 to 10 years old.

FREE for kids under 5 years old.

\$8 per quart



Food Pantry is every 3rd Saturday of the month from 9am-11am.

You are welcome to volunteer and join us!

We are constantly in need of volunteers to help for the following:

- **unloading trucks** every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month. If you want to volunteer, please call the church and leave your contact information. We will then call you regarding the schedule (time)
- **volunteers** to distribute food every 3rd Saturday of the month 9am to 11am

Please be praying for:



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| Our Church | Our Troops |
| Our Shut-Ins | Gertrude Moyer |
| Our Pastor | Joyce Dressler |
| Jack Fasold | Pauline Ford's family |
| Covid-19 virus situation | |

Our shut-ins (Home Bound).....

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| Dona Drumheller | Gertrude Moyer |
| Pauline Ford | Fran Beck |
| Eveline Lenker | Joyce Dressler |
| Helen Boyer | Dora Jarrett |
| Eileen Bowersox | |

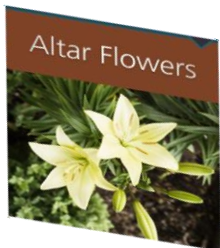
Those who are Serving Military...

- Johnathan Baker
- William Klinger
- Jonathan Swank
- Justin Eroh – U.S. Navy
(John & Connie Eroh's Grandson)
- Christopher Pelishek – U.S. Army (Pastor Robert & Margaret Bavender's Grandson)
- Melvin Smith II



Witness about Jesus Christ and your church by placing a yard sign in your yard. The signs are \$10.00 each. You can call the church or sign the form in the Narthex.

Is there a special occasion coming up in your family? Why not celebrate with Alter Flowers at Trinity UMC?

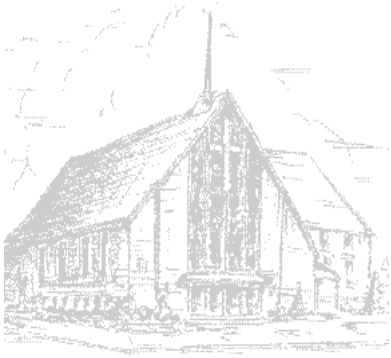


There are multiple open Sundays for Alter Flowers. The cost is \$25 for both vases. See sign-up sheet in narthex, to the left of the front doors, as you are coming up the steps. Or see Pam Heim 473-8144

OUR WORSHIP SERVICES

- ❖ Blended worship service every Sunday 9am
- ❖ Refreshments offered every Sunday morning before and after Church service.
- ❖ Come prepared to worship and receive what the Lord has for you.

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*"He restores my soul."
Psalm 23:3a (NIV)*