



TRINITY TIMES



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Michael's Musings

Spring is here, kind of. As usual, it is arriving more in fits and starts than in sustained, glorious warmth. But that's often the way it is with any new life that wants to come, and that's often the way it is with Grace. Grace comes amidst long fits of cold, steely pain and false starts of comforting warmth. The reason is this: Grace can only fill an empty space. Pain and suffering are the great empty-ers. So, when we can't do the hard work of emptying on our own, Grace often comes along first in the guise of a long fit of suffering. We can't embrace the sweet bliss of Grace until we have sufficiently been emptied.

Emptying involves loss. Emptying therefore involves grief. But our faith tells us about the possibility of finding grace in the suffering. After all, don't we Christians believe life was generally better after Jesus' crucifixion?

Franciscan monk, Richard Rohr puts it this way: "It is no surprise that a dramatically wounded man became the central transformative symbol of Christianity. Once the killing of God becomes the redemption of the world, then forevermore the very worst things have the power to become the very best things. Henceforth, nothing can be a dead end; everything is capable of new meaning. We are indeed saved by gazing upon the wounded one—and loving there our own woundedness and everyone else's too." <https://cac.org/life-is-hard-2016-05-23/> Richard Rohr blog; "Life is Hard;" Monday, May 23, 2016.

Spring may be slow in coming... but it *will* come... most definitely.

Michael



Providing **RELIEF** from natural disasters, **FOOD** for the hungry, and **SUPPORT** for the poor and oppressed.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be collected Easter Sunday, April 9. The offering supports three major programs of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.): Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People.

A Minute for Mission was presented Sunday March 26 by Marcia Lake. The Second Minute will be Sunday April 2 by Bob Winkelmann.

Special offering envelopes will be available on Easer. Checks should be made payable to Trinity with "OGHS" on the memo line. Online giving is also available through the church website or the Mobile Faith Engagement phone app. If giving online, please select the "One Great Hour of Sharing" fund option.



Worship at Trinity

April Worship

*** Sunday, April 2, 2023 10:30 a.m.**

Palm/Passion Sunday

First Readings: Matthew 26:14-21, 31-35,

Second Readings: Matthew 26: 69-75; 27:3-5

Sermon: Like Judas or Like Peter?

Theme: The difference between Judas and the other disciples may not be as great as we were led to believe, and we may be more like Judas than we are willing to admit.

*** Sunday, April 9, 2023 10:30 a.m.**

Easter Sunday

Old Testament: Psalm 118:1-2; 14-24

New Testament: Matthew 28:1-10

Sermon: "Don't Be Afraid"

Theme: The Risen Christ has overcome all powers that engender fear.

*** Sunday, April 16, 2023 10:30 a.m.**

2nd Sunday of Easter

Old Testament: Psalm 16

New Testament: John 20:19-29

Sermon: "When Our Way to God Becomes a Problem"

Theme: The avenue to our highest values becomes blocked when that road is understood as the only way.

*** Sunday, April 23, 2023 10:30 a.m.**

3rd Sunday of Easter

Old Testament: Isaiah 53:4-6

New Testament: Luke 24: 13-31

Sermon: "Where Is God"

Theme: What we give our attention as we walk the road of life decides what we see and don't see.

*** Sunday, April 30, 2023 10:30 a.m.**

4th Sunday of Easter

Old Testament: Psalm 100

New Testament: Acts 2:42-47

Sermon: Tacit Norms

Theme: There are things Christians know (or should know) that are not necessarily written down anywhere.

***Services are in-person and live-streamed via Facebook Live.**

**TO READ OUR PASTOR'S
PREVIOUS WEEK'S SERMON,**

go to:

<https://www.trinity-presbyterian.org/archives>

Holy Week at Trinity

Palm Sunday—April 2, 10:30 a.m.

Come celebrate the triumphal entry of Christ into Jerusalem. We will usher in the beginning of Holy week with palms, processional and the accompaniment of an orchestra.



Maundy Thursday—April 6, 7:00 p.m.

Tenebrae Service with Holy Communion

"Jesus, Light of the World"



Easter Sunday—April 9

9:00 a.m.—Potluck Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall

9:30 a.m.—Egg hunt for children (up through 5th grade)

10:30 a.m.—Worship



Join us as we celebrate in song and the sound of trumpet, the



(Worship Services will be held in the sanctuary and live-streamed via Facebook

Trinity News



Musical Notes

Director of Music,
Steve Yates

We are in the season of Lent, and the music we are planning for this season reflects the sadness and the joy as we travel this path.

We celebrate **Palm Sunday** with joy. Carol Virkler on organ and Jack Snelling on piano will offer a stirring prelude based on Joel Raney's arrangement of "I Sing the Almighty Power of God." At the time of the anthem, the choir will ask the congregation to join in with "Crown Him with Many Crowns." Our Trinity orchestra will be sharing their musical gifts with a special offering.

On **Maundy Thursday** of Holy Week the sanctuary choir will present a Tenebrae service with Holy Communion. This is a moving program following the events of Holy Week leading to the crucifixion of Christ.

Easter Sunday will be a great day of celebration. Please join us.

We are so very lucky to have such a wealth of talent here at Trinity. I am thankful every week.



Easter Egg Hunt

for all kids K-5th grade - following the Easter breakfast on April 9th at 9:30 am in the backyard, if weather permits.

Otherwise, meet at the bottom of the stairs to hunt on the lower level of the church. Baskets for collecting eggs will be available, but you may want to bring something to take your treats home, as we'll hang on to the baskets to use again.



Potluck Easter Breakfast April 9th 9:00 a.m.

In the Fellowship Hall

Please join your Trinity family for breakfast on Easter morning. The Fellowship Committee will provide breakfast casseroles, coffee, juice, and water. Please bring something to share.

The easter egg hunt for K-6th will be immediately following at 9:30.

You're Invited!

**Bridal Shower for Grace Stanfield
(daughter of Michael & Janet)
in celebration of her June 3rd wedding
to Malcolm Walsh**

**Saturday, April 8 at 2:00 p.m.
Trinity Fellowship Hall**

Bridal Registry & Wedding Information:
[https://www.zola.com/wedding/
graceandmalcolm/registry](https://www.zola.com/wedding/graceandmalcolm/registry)
Questions? Please contact:

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Kyle Groshong (573) 808-0440
Debbie Newkirk (573) 673-8997

NEWS FOR PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Spring Greetings to everyone. We hope you can all attend circle in April as we discuss Lesson 8, "Sabbath and Justice" in our study guide "*Celebrating Sabbath*". **Evening Circle will meet Tuesday, April 4, at 7 p.m. DOWNSTAIRS at church** (voting will be happening in the Fellowship Hall), as well as on zoom. **Afternoon Circle** will meet **Wednesday, April 5, downstairs at church in Room 12**. Hope to see you there.

Don't forget the Missouri Union Presbytery's Spring Gathering on April 20th at First Presbyterian Church in Boonville from 9:30 to 2:00. "Springing into Strength, Beauty and Scripture" will be a day of fellowship, crafts, mission and worship. Registration deadline is April 1. See bulletin board in Narthex or call me for more details. I have registration forms if you want to go. Charlotte Larrick, 573-447-0552

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE - God's Work, Our Hands



Trinity's Clean Up Columbia Event

Invite your friends and join Trinity members cleaning up trash in Columbia.

Saturday April 15th, 1pm—4pm

Meet at the church parking lot and we will car pool to the location (to be determined).
Kids (if able) and teenagers are welcome!

Contact Kyle Newell-Groshong (newellgroshong@missouri.edu), and
Chris Sheriff (bookz54@yahoo.com) with questions.

Make scarves for Operation School Bell® Project In Honor of Joan Bay

Work on your own or meet with the **Fiber Fellowship** group **April 22nd from 10-Noon** and every 4th Saturday (except in November and December). Many in this group are making scarves for this project. For further information contact Karen Neely, Women's Evening Circle Chair and Charter member of the Assistance League® of Mid-Missouri karenneely42@gmail.com.



Trinity Provides Food for the Hungry through Loaves and Fishes

Trinity will serve at Loaves and Fishes on **Thursday, April 13th**. Please watch for an email regarding sign up requests for food donations and servers. More servers are needed now that dishes are being used again.



Library Book Highlight

by Marianne Cole Fues



Christianity celebrates important events in the month of April. Our library has numerous books which detail these. **The Easter Story** by Stephanie Jeffs, **Easter the World Over** by Priscilla Lord as well as **Festive Breads of Easter** by Nora Jo Voth and **Hosanna! : Calendars : Creative Projects, and Crafts for Lent and Easter** by Sharon Lee.

The Children's Library has a number of titles. **My Happy Easter Morning** by Dandi I Mackall, **Easter Parade** by Mary Duckert, **Happy Easter, Grandma!** By Harriett Ziefert, and the lovely **Rechenka's Eggs**, by Patricia, Polacco with beautiful illustrations although not really an Easter story.

April is also poetry month! Even though the libraries have several poetry books, let's focus on **Landscapes of the Heart** by Cathy Cummings Chisholm. After having spent time photographing thousands of scenes, Chisholm put together a manuscript with fifty sets of photos, poems and prayers. Thirty different locations in ten states and one foreign country are represented as she toted her camera along on her travels. Enjoy!

Feel free to **visit the Trinity Libraries** between 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Monday to Friday. Materials can be checked out using the three ring binder on the desk in the main library and also in the Children's Library downstairs in Room 9.

The Wardrobe: Columbia's all-volunteer, non-profit thrift store



A monthly sign up form for volunteers is on the kiosk in the church narthex, or volunteers can call Georgia Morehouse. **Trinity's day to work is Wednesday, April 19, and volunteers are needed for the 11:00**

All men of Trinity

are invited to meet for breakfast on
Wednesday, April 12, at 8:00 a.m.
at JJ's Café. 1712 N. Providence Rd.

Please **call the church office if you'd like to be put on the reservation list.**

OUR PRAYERS

Short Term Prayer Requests

Lou Boka - father of Samantha George, who is under-going treatment for recently diagnosed cancer

Doug Cornelison - had hernia surgery last week and is now recuperating at home.

Ted Groshong - struggling with chronic bronchitis.

Bill Lubbert - a good friend of Bob and Sue Young. While undergoing treatment for an infection in his knee, doctors discovered an aneurism. His condition is very serious.

Esther Muench Plonk - Jim Muench's mother, who suffers from dementia; recently hospitalized

Norma Spurgeon—Prayers for continued healing and strength.

Long Term Prayer Requests

Paul Conditt - Sarah's Humfeld's father who has health issues

Jane Cooper - Sharon Daly's sister, on dialysis and dealing with problems from diabetes

Jacob Fues – COVID long-hauler syndrome

Janet Ghio - friend of Kyle Groshong, treatment for multiple myeloma is going well

Mark Moore—(Jan Storvick's friend): Undergoing tests. He is now residing in a nursing home in Fulton.

Mark Virkler - Continues to heal and gain strength.

Hugh Williams— Sharon Daly's brother, who has bladder cancer



Please remember and pray for our Missionaries, Mission Causes, and Military Personnel.

GET CONNECTED - STAY CONNECTED

New to Trinity? Text the word "Welcome" to 573-284-8084 to get connected. We'll be in touch soon.

Already a member or a regular attendee? Text "Member" to 573-284-8084 so we can keep you up to date on what's happening at Trinity.

Do you have a prayer request? Text "pray" to 573-284-8084 and our pastor will contact you.

Submissions for Trinity Times?
Email: trinitytimeseditors@gmail.com

The deadline for May Trinity Times is Friday, April 21, 2023.
Kyle Groshong is our editor.

MARCH INTO MISSION DAY



March Into Mission was held for K-5th grade students on Wednesday, March 15 (Columbia Public Schools teacher workday) at Trinity. The Christian Education committee, with the help of Linda Harlan, Cathy Holder, Marianne Fues, Karen Neely, Carol and Mark Virkler and Pastor Michael, had an activity day focused on doing things for other people. Eleven kids, Kindergarten through 5th grade participated from 8:30-4:00 - reading, doing crafts, baking cookies, singing, playing games, watching a movie etc. The event was a success and we hope to do it again next year!

Also some of our youth (6th-12th grade) played nine square in the air, ultimate spoons, and basketball, as well as eating pizza, flying kites and taking a hike with Jay Bryant-Wimp and Bill Kennedy - that same afternoon!



April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Palm Sunday 9:15 AM—Children's Class 9:30 AM—Adult Class 10:00 AM—Choir 10:30 AM—Worship 11:30 AM—Fellowship 5:00 PM—Lenten Study	3 10:00 AM—Book Group (Rm. 12) 2:00 PM Election Setup (FH) 3:00 PM—Outreach (Z) 7:00 PM—Fellowship (Z) 7:00 PM—Boy Scouts	4 Boone County Election 7:00 PM—Evening Circle (Rm. 12) 7:00 PM—Girl Scouts (downstairs)	5 1:00 PM—Afternoon Circle (Rm 12) 7:00 PM—Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)	6—Maundy Thursday 7:00 PM—Tenebrae Service with Communion	7 Good Friday 5:30 PM—Women in Recovery	8 2:00 PM—Bridal Shower for Grace Stanfield (FH)
9—Easter Sunday 9:00 AM—Breakfast 9:30 AM—Egg Hunt 10:00 AM—Choir 10:30 AM—Worship 11:30 AM—Fellowship	10 9:00-11:30 AM—PEO Chapter LM (FH) 10:00-11:30 AM—Book Group (Rm 12) 11:00 AM—PEO (library) 1:00 PM—Garden Club 7:00 PM—Boy Scouts	11 3:00-5:00 PM—PEO Chapter "JJ" (FH) 7:00 PM—Girl Scouts 7:00 PM—Sacred Harp Singers (FH) 7:00 PM—Christian Ed Committee (library)	12 8:00 AM—Men's Breakfast (JJ's Café) 6:00-8:30 PM—Caring Women of COMO 7:00 PM—Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)	13 4:00 PM—Loaves & Fishes 6:30 PM—Cub Scouts (downstairs) 7:30 PM—Worship Comm. (Zoom)	14 5:30 PM—Women in Recovery 6:00 PM—Bunco Group (FH)	15
16 9:15 AM—Children's Class 9:30 AM—Adult Class 10:00 AM—Choir 10:30 AM—Worship	17 10:00-11:30 AM—Book Group (Rm 12) 7:00 PM—Boy Scouts	18 7:00 PM—Session 7:00 PM—Girl Scouts (downstairs)	19 11:00 AM—Wardrobe 7:00 PM—Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)	20 2:00 PM—Property Committee	21 5:30 PM—Women in Recovery	22 Mulch Day 10:00 AM—Fiber Fellowship (FH)
23 9:15 AM—Children's Class 9:30 AM—Adult Class 10:00 AM—Choir 10:30 AM—Worship 11:30 AM—Fellowship 3:00 PM—Phi Mu Alpha (sanctuary)	24 7:00 PM—Stewardship & Finance Committee 7:00 PM—Boy Scouts	25 11:00 AM—MO Symphony League (FH) 6:30 PM—Girl Scouts 7:00 PM—Sacred Harp Singers (FH) 7:00 PM—Tech Committee (Zoom)	26 10:00 AM—Congregational Care Committee (FH) 7:00 PM—Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)	27 9:30 AM—MUP Council Meeting (FH)	28 Garden Club Plant Sale Setup 5:30 PM—Women in Recovery	29 Garden Club Plant Sale
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