

THE LAMPLIGHTER

Official Newsletter of Trinity United Church of Christ



Good Words for Great Souls

WRITTEN BY DAVID DOWNER

Dear Church Family,

It's hard to know where to begin. Let me start by saying thank you for your many phone calls, cards, and prayers over the last several weeks. My recent illness came as quite a surprise to all of us, perhaps me most of all! Throughout everything, I knew Trinity UCC was in strong and capable hands, and that was a great comfort to me.

As most of you know already, I am now the proud bearer of a defibrillator/pacemaker which is doing a great job thanks to the efforts of some fantastic doctors, nurses, and technicians. I feel so blessed to live in an area where we have access to such great healthcare. Although rare, the surgery was not without some complications which put me back in the hospital for an additional week. Unfortunately, that week was Holy Week, and it was there where I prayed for all of you on Easter morning from my hospital bed. It felt so nice to be discharged and back home again!

My recovery continues with multiple doctor's visits and additional tests as we try to understand how this happened. The heart issues I've experienced are atypical for a young man such as myself! Please continue to pray as I regain my stamina and work with the doctors to sort things out.

Finally, thank you to Toni Witherite, Leena Wolfgang and the many others who took care of business in my absence. Most of all, thank you to my wonderful wife Terri. She has always held my heart, but now I can say and mean that quite literally!

From The Consistory President

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What a crazy month April has been! I'd like to personally thank Carol Clark-Baney, Rev Brian Percy, Rev Nora Foust and Rev Ann Graves for agreeing to lead our worship services. Each of these individuals answered my frantic last-minute calls and graciously stepped in to help. I enjoyed every service and know that our congregation did as well. I'd also like to send out a huge thank you to Leena Wolfgang. Leena was instrumental in helping to prepare the worship services, working with the supply pastors, preparing bulletins and taking charge of the video recordings every Sunday. Leena is a tremendous asset to Trinity and we are so thankful for everything she does. Thank you Leena! And last but not least, thank you to Pastor Dave. After being without you for a month I have a new appreciation for everything you do! We are so thankful that you are recovering and feeling better. You are a beloved member and leader of Trinity and we're so happy to have you back at the pulpit!

MAY ASSISTANTS

ALTAR FLOWERS:	TAMMY BESECKER
ALTAR GUILD:	DENISE SWEITZER
OIL IN CANDLES:	BEVERLY GUYER
SALT LIAISON:	VICKIE CREIGHTON
CAREGIVERS':	CAROL FRAZIER
HEAD USHER:	LARRY CAMPBELL
ALTERNATE USHER:	KURT BREON

THIS MONTH'S SCRIPTURES

MAY 1:	ACTS 9:1-6 JOHN 21:1-19
MAY 8:	ACTS 9:36-43 JOHN 10:22-30
MAY 15:	ACTS 11:1-18 JOHN 13:31-35
MAY 22:	ACTS 16:9-15 JOHN 5:1-9
MAY 29:	ACTS 16:16-34 JOHN 17:20-26

APRIL'S YOUTUBE WORSHIP SERVICE LINKS

SUNDAY, APRIL 3:
[HTTPS://YOUTU.BE/ZE2OIO9SXHC](https://youtu.be/ZE2OIO9SXHC)
 SUNDAY, APRIL 10:
[HTTPS://YOUTU.BE/AUOCBSAVHYE](https://youtu.be/AUOCBSAVHYE)
 SUNDAY, APRIL 17:
[HTTPS://YOUTU.BE/NV7ZMAXKSJ8](https://youtu.be/NV7ZMAXKSJ8)
 SUNDAY, APRIL 24:
[HTTPS://YOUTU.BE/-XU9SR5TBOW](https://youtu.be/-XU9SR5TBOW)

Announcements, Events, & Updates

- May 1, Third Sunday of Easter, Baptism and Member Reception, Sacrament of Holy Communion
- May 4, Chancel Choir rehearsal
- May 5, SALT Meeting
- May 8, Fourth Sunday of Easter, Mother's Day
- May 11, Chancel Choir rehearsal
- May 15, Fifth Sunday of Easter
- May 17, Consistory Meeting, Food Pantry Distribution
- May 18, Chancel Choir rehearsal
- May 22, Sixth Sunday of Easter, last day of Sunday School
- May 25, Chancel Choir rehearsal
- May 26, Ascension Day
- May 28, Diaper Depot Distribution
- May 29, Seventh Sunday of Easter, Worship Service starts at 10:00 A.M. No Sunday School
- May 30, Memorial Day

Centre Hall/Potter Township Food and Fuel Pantry

The needs are: cake mixes, cereal, canned milk, saltine crackers, paper towels, tissues, toilet paper, and dish detergent. The next distribution is May 17.

Penns Valley Diaper Depot

The next monthly distribution is planned for May 28. Size 4 and 5 diapers are currently needed. Contributions of diapers or checks will always be accepted!

Graduate Recognition

Attention families of students graduating from high school, college, trade school, etc.: our graduate recognition service will be held on June 12. We don't want to miss honoring anyone, so please complete the form on the back of these announcements and place it in the offering plate or deliver to Leena Wolfgang.

May Birthdays

- 2 Clara King
Gregory Reish
Carter Wolfgang
- 3 DeAnn Martz
- 4 James Evans
- 5 Ella Aston, Laney Aston
Glenn Fultz
Mike Frazier
- 6 John Smith
- 8 Alyssa Boob
- 9 Nancy Wagner
- 11 Tyler Rogers
- 15 Ronald Napolitan
- 17 J. Edward Keller
Marieta Smith
- 18 Gary Ream
- 20 Charles Patschke
Carol Readinger
John Runkle
- 23 Randy Smith
- 24 Paxton Williams
Paisley Williams
- 25 Paige Auman
Elizabeth Reeser
- 26 Joshua Evans
- 27 Corby Smith
- 29 Ruby Bair
Teri Statham

May Anniversaries

- 16 Tyler and Cassandra Fultz
- 18 Scott and Emily Martell
- 21 David and Cassandra King
- 22 Colby and Alia Stover
Tyler and Reba Rogers
- 23 Benjamin and Ruth Floray
- 27 Kirk and Leena Wolfgang
- 30 David and Terri Downer

April Activities

TUCC Mothers Group

At the Mothers meeting this past month the Moms of TUCC learned about "Resurrection Eggs." If you've never heard of Resurrection Eggs, they are plastic Easter Eggs with different religious Easter symbols inside to help teach the Easter story to kids. They also experimented with different end fun ways to color Easter eggs!



Easter Worship Service



Easter Breakfast



Around 60 were in attendance for Easter breakfast.

THANKS AND APPRECIATION

Thank you to Tammy Besecker for placing Easter flowers for Easter Sunday.
Thank you to Tom and Toni Witherite, and Amy Smith for helping plan and set up the Easter Breakfast.
Thank you to Carol Clark- Baney, Brian Percy, Nora Faust, and Ann Graves for sharing their messages.
Thank you to Terri Downer for planning and hosting mothers group meeting.
Thank you to Joan Pecht and Terri Downer for the photos they take and display in the Newsletter.
Thank you to Teri Statham, Terri Downer, and Kirk Wolfgang for their children's messages.
Thank you to the SALT Committee for collecting and sending care packages to students.

RECORDS AND REPORTS

SUMMARY OF 19 APRIL CONSISTORY MEETING

Treasurer's Report: The total general funds income for March was \$7,619.18. The total general funds expense for March was \$13,057.50.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Dave took part in Penn Central Conference and Lenten Service planning

Previous Business: There was an Easter breakfast prior to Worship Services this year, around 60 were in attendance; The Northern Association annual Meeting was hosted by TUCC on April 24. Our two delegates are Toni Witherite and Ann Moellenbrock.

New Business: The SALT committee requested approval to hold the Strawberry Social and the booth during the Town Wide Yard Sale, the request was approved; We are currently searching for another volunteer to help with recording on Sundays when Terri Downer or Leena Wolfgang are not available; Photo directory photo dates are tbd.

IN OUR PRAYERS...



Lance Arney
Zoey Bair
Lynnette Breon
Lorren & Carol Brown
Larry Corl
Buddy Cowher
*Marie Crater
Erin, Austin, Conner Derr
Cathy and Roy Dunkle
Kelly Eicher
Gracie Eisenhower
*Trudy Furner

Charles O'Hara
*Mary Hardy
Marty Ilgen
Tim Leitch
Deb LosKamp
*Josephine McNitt
Diane Matter
Paige Musser-Gray
Rycen Musser
Malcolm Obiri
Claire Porter
Barry Reish

Shirley Rogers
*Marian Smith
Marieta Smith
Lisa Stevens
Debbie Walker
Jere Wiley
Ennis Wagner
Ann Williams
*Faye Winkelblech
Wilma Yarger