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"Down the Via Dolorosa called the way of suffering, like a lamb came the Messiah Christ the King. But he chose to walk that road out of his love for you and me. Down the Via Dolorosa all the way to Calvary."



From the Pastor:

For our Lenten journey we are looking at the stations of the cross, which is actually the Via Dolorosa. The way of suffering is the path way that Jesus took from Pilates headquarters to Calvary. Along the way there are several things that happen with Jesus and that is what we are looking at with the stations of the cross. Our Lenten journey is a journey to the cross with Jesus. We don't just watch Jesus and cheer him on from the sidelines we are to travel with Jesus, following where he leads and doing what he asks of us. Yes, we look at the stations and reflect on what Christ has done for us but we are also to participate in the process. We too are called to pick up our cross with Christ and follow him. If we stumble or if we need help we are not alone, Christ did as well. But, we get back up and continue. The stations of the Cross used to end with station 14, Jesus is laid in the tomb, but now there is a 15th station, The Resurrection. This is why we follow. We follow to get to the resurrection and eternal life. Don't give up part way there, journey the whole Via Dolorosa all the way to Calvary and God's eternal glory.

Peace,



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Trinity Council President

FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Well it's hard to believe that February is about over. Football season has come to an end with the Super Bowl. I hope whoever you were rooting for won. If not, I guess you'll have to wait until next season. Trinity had its own "Souper Bowl," with 16 different soups, that were enjoyed by many. The donations from this event will be given to help defray costs of the warming center.

The winter weather this year has been fair compared to some past winters and let's hope it continues that way until spring. I guess Punxsutawney Phil didn't see his shadow after all and that's just great. They say it will be an early spring, but we can only HOPE he's right. I guess we just need to think positive about that.

Valentine's Day is the day for giving and receiving love, and this year occurred on the start of the Lenten season. I hope everyone remembers the special Lenten services and is able to attend each Wednesday either at noon or 6:30 p.m. The Easter morning services will be at 6:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. There will be an Easter breakfast in place of the 8:15 a.m. service. We hope to see everyone at one of these services.

I would like to thank everyone who helped with the Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner. This includes the youth who helped to serve, those who cooked the meal, and all those who helped to clean up. It was another successful Trinity event.

Let us not forget those who are not as fortunate as us that were in the hospital over the Easter holiday. Although not complete at the time of this writing, many baskets had already been made up for the Easter for Eli project. Here at Trinity we are very thankful for everyone's kindness and generosity in giving to such a worthwhile project.

In closing there are many committees that could use help. If you have time to get involved, any assistance you could give would be greatly appreciated. You can ask the Pastor or any church council member how you can get involved. We strive to serve the Lord by keeping the church active.

Thanks again to everyone.

Yours in Faith,

Kenneth B. Myers



Trinity Worship and Music

Worship and Music

February 6, 2024

Pastor Eli, Debbie Garritano, John Ebersole, Judy Hale, Adam Counterman, Cindy Finnegan

Upcoming dates:

February

14 Ash Wednesday, services will be at noon and 6:30 p.m.

March

12 Daylight Savings

24 Palm Sunday

31 Easter, 6:30 Sunrise service, 10:45 service will include those taking first Communion.

Service

Pastor will preach on the Stations of the Cross for the Wednesday services.

The offertory song will be included in the 10:45 service. The hymn after communion will also be included at all communion services. These changes will take place following Lent.

Flowers

Judy no altar flowers during Lent. Peterman's has been informed.

Easter flower orders will be announced when we receive information from the florist.

Patty

Music

Cindy is working on the Easter anthem and is coordinating with John and Adam for special music.

John is working on evening practices for hand chimes.

Adam is working on an instrumental group.

Altar

Debbie has ordered the palms for Palm Sunday. She will put an announcement in the bulletin for sponsors.

Other: Offering was very poor at the Christmas services. Judy suggested that we pass the offering plate for the Easter services. Everyone was in favor of the suggestion. This will only be for Christmas and Easter.

Next meeting: March 7, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.



Trinity Congratulations

Congratulations to Rylee Marie Bush as WISE Women's Rising Star Honoree 2024.

The Rising Star is a young woman who provides self-initiated community service that has both significant and positive impact and reflects the mission of WISE Women: empowering women and eliminating racism through collaboration, service, and education.

WISE Women of Blair County is an organization that has grown from the YWCA. WISE stands for Women Involved in Scholarship and Empowerment. We offer scholarships to women who have overcome adversity or discrimination in their lives and are going on for post-secondary education. We also offer grants to agencies or organizations to support efforts that advance our mission of empowering women and eliminating racism through collaboration, service and education.

Rylee will be honored at our annual dinner on April 17, 2024, at the Casino in Lakemont.

Please visit our website: wisewomenofblaircounty.org, to learn more about our organization.



Trinity Council Jan 2024 Meeting Minutes

Attendance

Present

Pastor Eli
John Ebersole 2025
Geri Selfridge 2023
Debbie Garritano 2025
Lisa Bush 2024

Absent

Adam Counterman 2025

Barb Gosnell 2023
Ralph Grove
Judy Hale 2024
Lori Matta-Rhode 2024
Ken Myers 2023
Chris Thompson 2025
Nevin Woodring 2024

Jim Buchanan 2025

Pam Mueller 2026

Dave Mueller 2026

Greetings/Devotions

The meeting was called to order by President, Ken Myers.

Pastor led us in prayer.

Ken welcomed Dave and Pam Mueller to Council as our new members.

Minutes from last meeting.

Minutes from the December meeting were read. Judy made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. John seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

There was no Treasurer's report.

Pastor Hess' Report

Pastor's reported that things have calmed down after the Christmas season. Christmas attendance was wonderful with 187 at 7:00 and 83 at 10:00. She did a funeral for a non member. Youth group is back from holiday and going well. Now we begin to look toward Easter.

Committee Reports

Stewardship – the committee decided to designate February Thank Offering to the Warming Center. John made a motion and Debbie seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Old Business

Repair of Knob and Tube wiring – Dave contacted Pete from Adams Electric who is willing to come look at the wiring. Dave will set up a time for him to come.

New Business

Shrove Tuesday supper – John reported that there will be a pancake dinner on February 13, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. There will be a free will offering. Pastor said the youth will be helping out with the dinner.

Other

A question was raised concerning our target giving. Since the budget has gone down, shouldn't the target have gone down? Pastor said she will look into that.

Pastor also said that Ben Blessed will be replacing the locks on the garage. Members of that group have left and not returned the keys. Pastor will make sure everyone who has access to the garage gets a new key.

Lori made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was then adjourned.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Garritano

Next meeting: February 27, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.



Trinity Thank You

A note of thanks.

We would like to thank everyone for the thoughtfulness and kindness shown to our family during the passing of my brother. The flowers were beautiful, The prayers and cards were greatly appreciated.

Lisa Bush & family

Thank you Pastor Eli and Trinity members for the cards, phone calls and prayers during the sudden passing of our Hannah. Special thanks to Debby for bringing the pretty altar flowers and Adam for setting up the tables in Trinity Hall.

Joanna Lewis and family

Prayer List

Please keep the following people in your prayers ...

Trinity Members

Ted Baird	Kathy Hatch
Kristina Bennett	Bob Hofmann
Tyler Bennett	Martha Jones
Bennett Family	Garry Knee
Shelby Benzel	Jake Knisely
Gianna Berardinelli	Gary Lonsinger
Ruth Brubaker	Cheryl Luciano
William Burda	Jessica McGraw
Church Health Team	Ken B. Myers
Church Council	Bob Nearhoof
Charon Clabaugh	Family
Don Corl	Jaden Rhode
Gary Crownover	Lisa Smearman
Sondra Deffibaugh	Sis Stenger
Maizie Emswiler	Fred Teigler
Allen Everhart	Michael Thompson
Jim Frederick	Wilkins Family
Garner Family	Harry Yeager
Lois Gutshall	Nancy Yeager
Stephanie Yeager Hamilton	
Tom Hammond	



Family Members and Friends

Donnie Alwine	Katie Hanczaryk	Zach Noel
Janet & Charlie Aungst	Tom Haney	Mary Oberneder
Scott Aungst	Bob Harding	Tammy Otto
Dan Baughman		Dennis Paulsen
Gloria Beatty	Brandon Harper & his 3 daughters	Frances Pringle
Behe Family	David K. Harpster	Tommy S. Pringle
Robin Behe	Carol Haslam	Lorenzo Recchia
Kris Bennett	Donald Haslam	Carl Ruckinger
Ramona Bennett & Family	Tom Hatch	Michael Ruckinger
Dana Beschler	Virginia Heidler	Jeanne Rutherford
Zayne Bowmaster	Karli Hey	Evan Sanders
Dee & Barry Bradfield	Emily Hileman	Conner Sanders
Damain Branas	Ed Hoover	Sanders Family
Joseph Brewer	Samantha Januska	Trudy Savine
Terry Brown	Nicki Kaltenbrunner	Ronald Settle
Christopher Buchanan	Carol King	Daryl Seymore
John Bush	Rebecca Kinney	Judy Shaffer
Sue Carter	Dyalyn Lamond Family	Lynn Shaffer
Jeff Cipriani	Cindy Lamont	Marilyn Shannon
Karen Claar	Jan Lastaglia	Gloria Shoup
Julian Colan	Heather Leader	Debbie Smith
Tracee Cole	Anaya Leity	Dottie Stayer
Elaine Conrad	Steward Logan	Sultage Jr. Family
Theresa Cooney	Lou Lohsl	Lisa Ta & son Elliott Ta
Scott Corl	Bill Lytle	Harry Taylor
Carol Corle	Christine Maines	Paul Wallis
Randy Corneilius Family	Linda Mardula	Leeanne Walters
Janie Coyne	Steve Mardula, Sr	Jameson Joseph (JJ) Williamson
William Culp	Chris Mathieu	Steve Wood
Lisa Dalansky	Linda Matta	Paul Wright
Jorden DeFrancisco	Ron Matta	Tiquan Wright
Courtney Diehl	Market Family	Elsa
Ethel Donley	McConnell Family	Jessie
Ken Eichenlaub	McGilvery Family	Junie
Ian Esper	Brandon McGraw	Natalie
Phil Esper	Vicky Misko	Baby Gwen
Ken Farabaugh	Nancy Mock	Baby Madi
Fink Family	Kaitlin Morning	In spoken request "M"
Paula Ford	Tom Morning	BPM
Skyler Franell	Jess Mourabit	KCB
Misty Franell	Linda Mowrer	ALB
Haley Gehret	Bill & Penny Murphy	JJM
Pat Griffith	Debbie Musante	RDG
Thomas Hamilton	Sharon Myers	
Bob Hamilton	Wyatt Nite	
John Hancuff		

Trinity's Homebound Members

Chris Burda	Bill McLaughlin
Clara Hite	Sue Nycum
Shannon Kratzer	Arlene Roessing
Ken Kumpt	Leta Veit
Marie Laich	

Those Serving in the Armed Forces

Sarah Brown	Ryan Maguire
Jason Buck	Justin Patz
Kyle Eberhart	Eric Sweet
Nathan Frank	

Please know that you can add someone to our prayer list at any time by calling the church office (943-3972). If it is appropriate to remove someone from the prayer list, again, please inform the church office. Names of family and friends will remain on the prayer list for two weeks. You can keep someone's name on the list by calling the church office and giving us a brief update so that we can continue to effectively pray for your loved one.



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Lectionary Readings for the Month of March

Mar 3

Exodus 20:1-17
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 1:18-25
John 2:13-22

Mar 10

Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Ephesians 2:1-10
John 3:14-21

Mar 17

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 51:1-12
Hebrews 5:5-10
John 12:20-33

Mar 24

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Mark 14:1--15:47

Mar 31

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Mark 16:1-8

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The next Orbit Deadline is March 24th

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- Drop your article in the Orbit
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Please remember:

- **All articles will be included as long as space permits.**
- **Articles will be edited for grammar and/or clarity where needed.**
- **Any article turned in after the deadline will be included in the next month's Orbit.**

Thank You!