

Trinity Tempo

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Dear Trinity United Methodist Church,

We are entering a confusing time of year in the life of the Church. March 6 is the beginning of the Lenten season. The next six weeks can seem like a heavy dose of emotional whiplash. It is hard to nail down whether it is a time of solemnity or rejoicing.

Ash Wednesday itself presents us with a bit of a mixed bag. We enter worship expecting a service

designed to remind us of our sin, frailty and need for Christ. Scripture is chosen specifically to highlight how we have fallen short of the glory of God. The sermon further points to our lack of conviction or need to sacrifice. Just before the service ends, we line up to take communion and receive the ashes upon our brow. These speak to all how we have just spent an hour reflecting on our mortality and need to work for a closer relationship with Jesus.

But Ash Wednesday is also about how much Jesus' love for us extends through our weaknesses. His touch heals us of the pain of guilt and shame we may feel because of our shortcomings. Ash Wednesday reminds us that though we are of ashes and dust, we have significant value in the eyes of God because we carry with us God's image. The strength of God's grace holds us together when we feel as though the world is crumbling around us.

Ash Wednesday is about weakness and strength. It speaks of falling short, yet still making it to the finish line. The ashes display our mortality though, through Jesus, we are creatures of blessed eternity.

Lent is a beautifully complex observance of the consistency of God's love as shared through Jesus. You are invited to our Ash Wednesday service on March 6 at 7 p.m. I pray we are all prepared to, again, give our life to Christ and see where it takes us.

PTL,

Pastor Justin Judy

Trinity Happenings

Library News

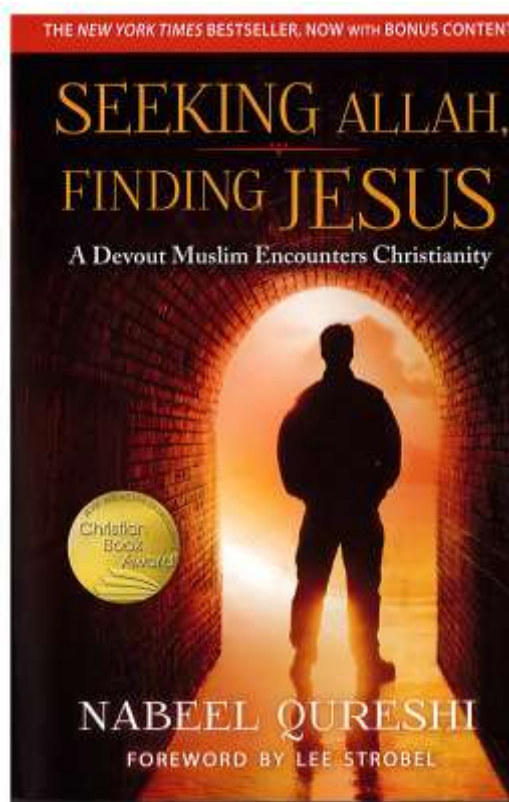
(by Beverly Piper)

Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus

Nabeel Qureshi describes his unexpected and dramatic journey from Islam to Christianity. Engaging and thought-provoking, this book “tells a powerful story of the clash between Islam and Christianity in one man’s heart—and of the peace he eventually found in Jesus” (excerpt from back cover). “Nabeel Qureshi first began to study the Bible in order to challenge it and, incredibly, came to know Jesus as a result” (book reviews) Profound, gripping, highly illuminating and, sometimes, heartbreaking, Qureshi “paints a beautiful, truthful portrait of Muslim families and heritage, avoiding the fearmongering and finger-pointing” pervasive in today’s culture (book reviews). I encourage you to open your heart and mind and read this story. Prepare to be blessed.

***Crossing the Waters: Following Jesus through the Storms, the Fish, the Doubt and the Seas* by Leslie Leyland Fields**

“Get ready for the wettest, stormiest, wildest trip through the Gospels you’ve ever taken! Alaskan fisherwoman Leslie Fields leads us across time and culture to take us out on the waters: to Galilee, beside the ragtag fisherman-disciples, and through a rugged season of commercial fishing with her family in Alaska” (excerpt from back cover). “This book is a rare gift. It pulses with story and theology, with lived suffering and quiet joy, with vast mysteries and a strong Savior” (excerpt from



back cover). What a fabulous story! I highly recommend it.

Easter Candy Fundraiser

Our annual Easter candy fundraiser is going on now. Forms are available at the information center and via the church website. Orders will be accepted through Sunday, March 10. You may turn orders in to the church office. Make checks payable to Trinity UMC.

Would you like to place an order, but can’t make it to church? Mail in your order and payment (forms are available on the church website) or order online. Go to SarrisCandiesFundraising.com and enter the Group ID # 10-

0582. Then start shopping. The order will be shipped directly to your home; so please keep in mind that shipping and handling charges apply for online orders.

Conference Debrief

A Special Session of General Conference was held February 23-26 to vote on plans and accompanying legislation related to the subject of homosexuality. Bishop Moore-Koikoi will hold a debriefing session at Holiday Park UMC on Monday, March 11 at 6:30 p.m. During this time she will offer information about the decisions made at General Conference and the process the Church will take to implement the legislation that is passed. If you would like to attend, contact the church office at 412.373.0835 or by email at office@tumctrafford.org by Sunday, March 3.

Helping Hands for Trinity

The group did not meet in February. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 12, weather permitting. Executive board meets at 11:30 a.m. The lunch/meeting begins at 12 p.m.

Meatball Hoagie Lunch

March 10 and April 14

Please stay after our morning worship for lunch. We will be serving meatball hoagies, a side, beverage and dessert. Your \$5 donation will go to Trinity's Campership Fund. Come and enjoy, and get our kids to Summer Camp.

Deeply Rooted, Upward Reaching

Western PA Conference Camping and Retreat Ministries serves more than 20,000 people each year across six locations: Camp Allegheny, Jumonville, Olmstead Manor, Wesley Woods, At the Lake Ministries and Healthy Village Learning Institute. Bishop Moore-Koikoi has initiated a capital campaign to raise funds to increase individual and family participation. The Conference seeks to raise \$5 million to be split evenly between scholarships and facility improvements.

Last year, Trinity's Board voted to hold four special offerings in 2019 for this initiative. Our first one will be taken on Sunday, March 24. Prayerfully consider giving to this endeavor. With your help more children and families will have an opportunity to meet Christ and, perhaps, even experience salvation.

Note: This campaign is separate from Trinity's own Campership Fund.



UMCOR Sunday

UMCOR, the United Methodist Committee on Relief, provides assistance in the wake of disasters and helps support ongoing ministries of food, shelter, health and peace. Your gifts for this special offering help UMCOR cover the "cost of doing business." That means 100% of every dollar you give to a specific advance goes to aid and support that recovery effort. Be part of the response effort by giving on March 31.

Friendship Tea

Save the date now! Our second Friendship Tea is on Saturday, May 4. The cost is \$10. Last year's tea was a success and we look forward to another happy and delicious occasion! The Friendship Tea is hosted by Helping Hands for Trinity and Trinity Traveling Tea Party.

Easter Egg Hunt

Trinity will host this annual indoor event on Saturday, April 20 from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. The event is open to all children in the community.

Registration will begin soon. Please pre-register if possible. Forms will be available in the vestibule, online and through the church office. See Pastor Justin or Kris Peters for details or to volunteer.

Easter Flowers

Trinity will soon begin accepting orders for flowers to grace our sanctuary on Easter Sunday. We are researching potential suppliers and will have plant type, size and pricing information available in early March. Order forms and envelopes will be available in the vestibule and through the church office.



Joys and Concerns

Please keep Trinity family, friends and neighbors in your prayers.

Pray for

Patty Aubele
JoAnn Booher
Family of Bill Ebner
Paul Madaras (Mary Ann Casper's brother)
Dale McCune (Garlan McCune's brother)
Jay and Vicki Stokes
David Whitfield (Peggy Whitfield's brother)
Peggy Whitfield

Would you like to become more involved in the Sunday morning worship service? To act as a greeter, see Jeanne Ruccio. To help in the nursery, see Jane Pogue. To serve as liturgist, see Linda Yocum.

Also take a moment and give thanks for friends and family who celebrate birthdays.

March Birthdays

1st Patty Aubele
2nd Tom Puckey
4th Randy Kerrigan
5th Kristina Stanley Chichilla
7th Kay Meadowcroft
9th Robert Cush
12th Stephanie Judy
13th Ryan Kerrigan
16th Vicki Stokes, Blanche Yocum
17th Kay Yocum
23rd Lia Nigro, Matt Knopf, Mattie Fanty
25th John Ruccio
27th Gary Peters, Sarah Ebner-Scott
29th Nicolyn Lonzo, Sarah Lloyd

March Schedules

Greeters

3rd Linda Yocum
10th Larry and Becky Mallik
17th Mary Thornton
24th Les and Donna Race
31st John and Jeanne Ruccio

Liturgists

3rd Sandy Chiappetta
10th Joanne Ondulich
17th Beverly Piper
24th Stephanie Judy
31st Jane Pogue

Nursery

3rd April Beam and Cindy Graw
10th Jane Pogue and Joan Vowler
17th Stephanie Judy and Beverly Beam
24th Jane Pogue and Joan Vowler
31st April Beam and Donna Race

Altar Flowers

3rd Marjorie Myers
10th Stephanie Judy
17th Dorothy Yocum
24th Susan Gibson and Sandy Yamamoto
31st open



March Calendar

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
					1 7:30 p.m. Crafts & Games Night	2
3 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship/Communion	4 1-2 p.m. Senior Friends	5 10 a.m. Crafts	6 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service	7 7:15 p.m. Choir	8 7:30 p.m. Crafts & Games Night	9
10 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship/Healing Service 12 p.m. Meatball Hoagie Lunch <i>1st Sunday in Lent</i> Scrip Order Day Daylight Saving Time begins	11 1-2 p.m. Senior Friends 6:30 p.m. Conference Debrief (Holiday Park UMC)	12 11:30 p.m. Helping Hands Board Meeting 12 p.m. Lunch Meeting	13 7:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study	14 7:15 p.m. Choir	15 7:30 p.m. Crafts & Games Night	16
17 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship <i>2nd Sunday in Lent</i> <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	18 1-2 p.m. Senior Friends Tempo Deadline	19 10 a.m. Crafts 6:30 p.m. Trustees 7:30 p.m. Ad-Council	20 7:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study	21 7:15 p.m. Choir	22 7:30 p.m. Crafts & Games Night	23
24 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship <i>3rd Sunday in Lent</i> <i>Deeply Rooted, Upward Reaching Special Offering</i> Scrip Order Day	25 1-2 p.m. Senior Friends	26 10 a.m. Crafts	27 7:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study	28 7:15 p.m. Choir	29 7:30 p.m. Crafts & Games Night	30
31 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship <i>4th Sunday in Lent</i> <i>UMCOR Sunday</i>	1 1-2 p.m. Senior Friends	2 10 a.m. Crafts	3 7:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study 7:15 p.m. Immersion Bible Study	4 7:15 p.m. Choir	5 7:30 p.m. Crafts & Games Night	6

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Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service: 11 a.m.

Healing Service: second Sunday of the month following the worship service

Tempo Deadline

Articles for the April issue of the *Tempo* are due on Monday, March 18, 2019.



Immersion Bible Study Series: Matthew

Trinity resumes this Bible study series by diving into the New Testament starting with the book of Matthew. Contact Pastor Justin or the church office to join us on our journey. Sessions start Wednesday, April 3 at 7:15 p.m.

