

Trinity United Methodist Church



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**April Showers bring
May Flowers**



About Easter

from Pastor Dass

We are a story-telling people. And at the heart of the story we tell, is the death and resurrection of Jesus. That makes Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter the high point of the Christian year; they have been observed and celebrated by the church since earliest times.

The early Christians, like their Jewish forebears, remembered God's act of deliverance by re-telling and re-enacting the story through narrative and ritual, especially in a great annual feast.

What the Exodus event was to the Jews, the cross/resurrection event was to Christians. As Jews annually celebrated Passover, recalling their deliverance from bondage, so Christians annually celebrated Good Friday and Easter, recalling God's saving acts in Christ. Through worship and liturgical celebration, the crucial events are retold, remembered, recovered, and brought into the present.

So, in this season of Lent and Easter, we come to the heart of the Christian story and the Christian faith: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter observances. We prepare for it during Lent, and we continue to celebrate through the Sundays of Easter, which culminate in Pentecost Sunday.

Easter is truly celebrated when tell and re-tell the story of salvation in Jesus Christ.

Palm Sunday

The celebration of Palm Sunday originated in Jerusalem in the fourth century. Helena, the Emperor Constantine's mother, had established churches on the various sites in the Holy Land which were traditionally held to mark the earthly life of Jesus.

Gradually celebrations arose around these churches that re-enacted, in dramatic fashion, the events of Jesus' passion.

On the Sunday before Easter, for instance, people gathered on Mount of Olive and gospel narrative describing the triumphal entry into Jerusalem was read and the people proceeded down the Mount and into the city, children and adults alike waving palm and olive branches and singing psalms.

Come and join us for Palm Sunday worship on April 2, 9:45am.

Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday is the night one remembers the institution of the Lord's Supper. "A new commandment I give unto you: That you love one another even as I have loved you," (John 13: 34).

Our Maundy Thursday service will be Thursday, April 6, 7:00pm. Come and join us for worship and Communion.

Upcoming Events in May

We will have a church Clean up day on May 7th starting at 9:00 AM. There will be a list of items that we will need to address, both inside and outside. The list will be available in the next couple weeks, if you can come another time

Good Friday

Good Friday is probably the second oldest "special day" of the Christian year. The appropriate liturgical color is, in fact, no color at all. Come and join us for Good Friday worship on April 7, 7:00pm.

Easter Sunday

Our traditional Easter service will be at 9:45am. The service will present inspiring vocal music, familiar hymns and scriptures, and contemporary message of faith and hope that will touch your heart. Bring your family and friends to celebrate the joy of Easter. Easter is the greatest event in the world, and we need your presence to make it complete.

Activities after worship include Fellowship and an Easter Egg Hunt!

Easter Egg Hunt



Attached to the newsletter is some information about the history and the celebration of Holy Week

than on May 7th.

On May 13 is the Huxley City Wide Garage Sale. Do you have some items that you would like to add to the sale? We will be collecting the items so that we can have a sale. We will also be serving some treats, rolls, cookies, coffee and lemonade.

More info to come!



Ballard Community

SENIOR RESOURCE EXPO

Attend this one-stop event for 50+er's and families to learn more about local services that are available right here in the Ballard Community!

LEARN MORE ABOUT

Insurance, Housing Options, Medical, Dental, Libraries, Fitness Options, Remodeling Services, Legal Services, Wealth Management, Internet Services, Senior Mobility, Physical Therapy, Lifestyle Products & Services, Banking, Travel Services, Salon Services, Funeral Home, Downsizing Specialists, Handyman Services, Local Churches, Tax Preparation, Pet Care & Much More - See you there!

WHEN & WHERE

Friday, April 28 from 10-1p

Huxley Safe Room

515 N. Main Ave, Huxley

****FREE Lunch for the first 75 attendees, provided by Comfort Foods!***

MORE INFORMATION

www.krisgardner.com
515-201-3481

Easter Lilies

Easter Lily has long been a symbol of Christ's resurrection. For as the bulb dies before springing forth to new life, so Jesus died before being raised to new life. Those who wishing to donate a plant for Easter Sunday, please fill out the Easter Lily order form and send back to church office.

A list of donors will be noted on the Easter Bulletin.

I would like to order _____ Lily (s)

Price \$10.00.

() in memory of _____

Or

() Recognition of _____

Given by _____

Hope Ministries

Can you believe it? We're already gearing up for our Easter Saturday Meal Outreach coming up on Saturday, April 8! We'll serve and deliver upwards of 1,800 warm Easter meals that day, which will require the help of 100+ volunteers. That's where YOU come in! Here' how you can help:

- Volunteer Onsite (9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.): Help us assemble, pack and serve Easter meals. Onsite volunteers must be 13 or older.
- Serve as a Meal Delivery Driver Team (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.): Deliver meals around the Des Moines area. This is a great opportunity for families with young children! You'll need a vehicle large enough to hold 15-20 paper sacks.

Online registration for Easter Saturday volunteering is open now. As often happens with our holiday opportunities, we expect our volunteer slots to fill quickly, so if you're interested, please sign up ASAP.

To sign up go to

hopeministries.volunteerhub.com



Brown Bag Sunday

Help those in need by bringing a bag of groceries to the church on the third Sunday of each month. Non-perishable food items will be donated to Clothing Closet. Thank you for your generosity.

April 16th is the third Sunday.

Golden Angels

Come and join Golden Angels to praise God through using your love of music.

Golden Angels are a group of people who love singing and praising God through their gift. Golden Angels will be singing on Sunday, April 16.

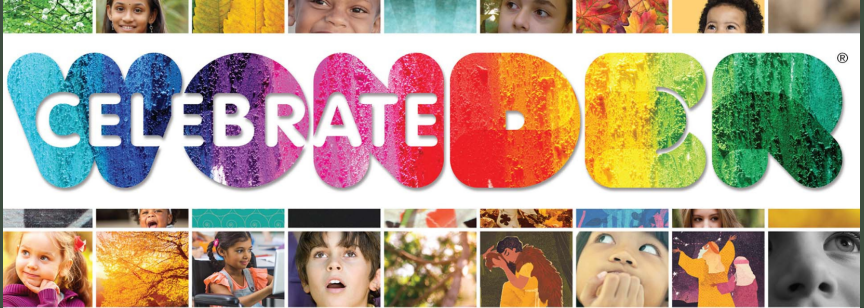


Sunday School

Sunday School will continue each Sunday morning at 9:30 AM until the middle of May.

The children are learning about God and also helping to grow and shape their faith in God as well as learning about their spiritual selves.

Sunday School gives children a safe space to ask the big questions about God and the opportunity to grow and learn about their identity as children of God



Honor the spiritual life of children—their natural sense of awe, wonder, imagination, and curiosity—and help shape their growing faith with Celebrate Wonder. Leaders will guide children through engaging experiences, spiritual practices, and opportunities for reflection, giving them a safe space to ask big questions and helping them claim their spiritual identity as children of God.

Questions?
Contact Tracy Weber
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515-556-3418

Sundays 9:30-10:30
Preschool - Fifth grade
Trinity United Methodist Church
102 Lynwood Huxley

Vacation Bible School



Planning has started for Vacation Bible School. The date will be July 26, 27, & 28 from 5:00-8:00 PM. The theme will be Food Truck Party!

This VBS invites children to pray as Jesus teaches us in Matthew 6:11; "Give us this day our daily bread." These words serve as a reminder that everything we have comes from God — and that it's by turning to God in prayer that all of our daily needs are met.

At the center of the Food Truck Party is a special food truck called "On a Roll." Here, Kids (or "Chefs") will learn from the food truck's Top Chef, along with DJ Cupcake (an adorable cupcake puppet), about the Daily Specials (Daily Learnings), which are lines from the well-loved prayer that teaches us to turn to God to meet our needs.

Please let Tracy Weber and Micki McCrady know if you are willing to help out with VBS.

Sanctuary Repair 2023

As you know the ceiling of the Sanctuary started to fall in on January 1, 2023. Since that time the Church council has been dealing with insurance agents and Loss Specialists, roofers, dry wall installers, lighting and electrical workers, and others to get our sanctuary back to a usable state.

It was determined that the entire ceiling in the sanctuary had to come down and the insulation and drywall had to be replaced. Some of the walls also needed to be examined due to water leaking behind the drywall. The only wall that sustained damage was the southeast wall below the windows. It was determined that this damage is due to old windows and not part of the insurance claim.

Below are some pictures of the sanctuary, before destruction, during and current status.

Before construction, this shows the seams that were coming apart on the sheetrock

During construction, after the sheetrock has been removed.



Current status - sheetrock hung, taping and mudding has started.



April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2</p> <p>Joshua 4 Joshua 5 Matthew 21</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Joshua 6 Joshua 7 Joshua 8 Luke 18:15-43</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Joshua 9 Joshua 10 Joshua 11 Luke 19</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Joshua 12 Joshua 13 Joshua 14 Mark 11</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Joshua 15 Joshua 16 Joshua 17 John 12</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Joshua 18 Joshua 19 Matthew 22</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Joshua 20 Joshua 21</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Joshua 22 Joshua 23</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Joshua 24 Judges 1 Judges 2 Mark 12</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Judges 3 Judges 4 Judges 5 Matthew 23</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Judges 6 Judges 7 Judges 8 Luke 20</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Judges 9 Judges 10 Judges 11 Luke 21</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Judges 12 Judges 13 Mark 13</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Judges 14 Judges 15</p>
<p>16</p> <p>Judges 16 Judges 17</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Judges 18 Judges 19 Judges 20 Matthew 24</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Judges 21 Ruth 1 Ruth 2 Matthew 25</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Ruth 3 Ruth 4 I Samuel 1 Matthew 26</p>	<p>20</p> <p>I Samuel 2 I Samuel 3 I Samuel 4 Mark 14</p>	<p>21</p> <p>I Samuel 5 I Samuel 6 Luke 22</p>	<p>22</p> <p>I Samuel 7 I Samuel 8</p>
<p>23</p> <p>I Samuel 9 I Samuel 10</p>	<p>24</p> <p>I Samuel 11 I Samuel 12 I Samuel 13 John 13</p>	<p>25</p> <p>I Samuel 14 I Samuel 15 I Samuel 16 John 14</p>	<p>26</p> <p>I Samuel 17 I Samuel 18 I Samuel 19 John 15</p>	<p>27</p> <p>I Samuel 20 Psalm 11 Psalm 59 John 16</p>	<p>28</p> <p>I Samuel 21 I Samuel 22 John 17</p>	<p>29</p> <p>I Samuel 23 I Samuel 24</p>
<p>30</p> <p>Psalm 7 Psalm 27</p>						

April Church Calendar

<p>2</p> <p>☾</p> <p>Clear skies 65°/37°</p> <p>9:30 am - 10:30 am Sunday Communion Worship Service</p>	<p>3</p> <p>☾</p> <p>Clear skies 58°/44°</p>	<p>4</p> <p>☁</p> <p>Cloudy skies 80°/46°</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Church Council Meeting</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7 pm - 8 pm Maundy Thursday Service</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7 pm - 8 pm Good Friday Service</p>	<p>8</p> <p>8:30 am - 11:30 am ASC Sewing</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Easter</p> <p>9:30 am - 10:30 am Sunday Praise Song Worship Service</p> <p>10:30 am - 11:15 am Easter Egg Hunt</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Earth Day</p>
<p>16</p> <p>Brown Bag Sunday</p> <p>9:30 am - 10:30 am Sunday Golden Angels Worship Service</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Earth Day</p>
<p>23</p> <p>9:30 am - 10:30 am Sunday Praise Song Worship Service</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30</p> <p>9:30 am - 10:30 am Sunday Praise Song Worship Service</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Senior Student Recognition</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>