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I am always fascinated by the derivation of words and names. A particularly intriguing name is the one given to the Sunday after Easter Day: Low Sunday – April 7th this year.

Although it is not so, most people reasonably assume that it got its name from the precipitous drop-off in worship attendance that occurs on this day. Churches that were filled with joyful worshipers on Easter are emptier and quieter the following Sunday.

It is more likely that the name "Low Sunday" is simply a corruption of the Latin word *Laudes*, which means "praises." *Laudes* is the first word in the chant that precedes the reading of the gospel in the mass on this day: *Laudes salvatori voce modulemur supplici*" (Let us sing praises to the Savior with humble voice.)

The day has also been called Quasimodogeniti Sunday. The name Quasimodo comes from the Latin text of the traditional introit for this day, which begins "*Quasi modo geniti infantes*" (like newborn infants), based on 1 Peter 2:2: "Like newborn infants, long for the spiritual milk . ." *Quasi modo* literally means "in the manner of." An interesting literary note is that Quasimodo, the protagonist of Victor Hugo's 1831 novel *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, was found abandoned on the doorsteps of Notre Dame Cathedral on the Sunday after Easter and named after this day.

The Sunday after Easter is known historically as St. Thomas Sunday, because the gospel reading always relates the story of "Doubting Thomas." The disciple Thomas comes to believe in the resurrection of Jesus only after being told by Christ to touch the wounds on his hands and side.

In the United Methodist Church we simply call this day the Second Sunday of Easter. Easter doesn't end on Easter Day. There are several Sundays in the season of Easter. And every Sunday of the year is considered a "little Easter" – a celebration of the triumph over sin and death by the Risen Christ on the first Easter Day, and a reminder that no Sunday should ever be low, unless it be in the sense that it is filled with praises.

Each year our Easter worship brims over with beautiful flowers, jubilant music, and unrestrained celebration. As the Sunday after Easter comes around this year, I find myself praying that the joy of the Resurrection and the assurance of salvation will last beyond Easter Sunday, informing and blessing all our days. I hope and pray that the gift of new life and the promise of eternal life that are ours in Jesus Christ will keep us from ever being low.

Pastor Eileen

April Worship

*= sermon text

April 7 Second Sunday of Easter Holy Communion

Scriptures: Acts 4:32-35

Psalm 133 *John 20:19-31

Sermon: Love's Winning Circle



April 14 Third Sunday of Easter

Scriptures: 1 John 3:1-7

*Luke 24:36b-48

Sermon: Hands and Feet



April 21 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Scriptures: Psalm 23

1 John 3:16-24 John 10:11-18

Sermon: My Life for Your Life

by Certified Lay Servant Patsy Boisvert



April 28 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Scriptures: 1 John 4:7-21

*John 15:1-8

Sermon: How to Be a Branch



A THANK-YOU NOTE

On the six Sundays in Lent we were blessed with visits from six remarkable people who shared with us the type of cross they wear, its meaning, and its message. With warmth, charm, and enthusiasm, each one brought us a unique story and perspective, a wonderful blend of serious, sacred, and humorous. Many thanks to those who brought these souls to life for us and encouraged us to cherish the cross and live our faith.

Cathy Hamlin: Wealthy Lady George and Carol Colwell: Sailor

Stephanie Rice: Maid Clay Beattie: Crusader Karin Riley: Business Person

Ralph LaCasio: Monk



Trinity Earth Day Sunday April 21

Celebrate Earth Day by cleaning up the roadside trash near our church. Wear your work clothes to church on April 21 and we'll go right after the service. Bring your own work gloves. Many hands make light work!

Thanks, Heidi Tucci & Karen Riley

Trustee Corner

Trustee Members:

Mike Tucci - Co-Chair Mike Bangert - Treasurer Chris Freeman Ralph La Casio Ron Lemar Royal Ricci - Co-chair Bob Boisvert - Secretary Ann Sherer Stan Brown

Next meeting: April 14 after Worship

Current Projects:

Social Hall - furnace problem

Social Hall - water problem afterh heavy rain

Exterior steps to Social Hall and back door of Church

Food Pantry

First of all – many thanks to all the people who stood in for Craig and me while we were away for all of February and most of March.

You picked up vast amounts of food, labeled and organized bags, put out signs, set up for the distribution, managed the check-in desk, gave out food to just under 200 people, and did inventory (never a fun task!).

As Ralph LaCasio often says, "This is a team effort!" And rarely is that more evident than when we vacate the premises!!!

Thank you one and all! We really appreciate your efforts!

Craig & Marcia Grant



April Food Pantry

Bagging - Tuesday, April 23 at 10 am in the parish hall.

Distribution - Thursday, April 25 from 7-8 pm.

Those who are helping, please try to be there by 6:30 pm.

Marcia Grant

ON THE DOORSTEP OF SPRING

Here we are again. We have circled the cold arc of winter and stand once more on the doorstep of spring. Daylight is pushing back the dark, and everything is opening. Buds are expanding. Birds are returning. Spring peepers, recognized more by sound than sight, throb like a heartbeat from the marsh. Purple and gold crocus thrust through the last crust of snow in search of warmth. It is a time for renewal. Time to air out the house, clean up the garden, mend fences, and maybe even hearts... Time to listen more and pronounce less. To sort truth from falsehood, and embrace what is good. Time to celebrate new life – the life that begins from within.

Marcia Grant



Yard Sale!!

Our 2024 Church wide Yard Sale is on the horizon!!!

When: Saturday, May 11th 8am until 2pm

Donations accepted: Thursday, May 9th 4-8pm

Friday, May 10th 2-8pm

Looking for helpers of all ages!

Tasks include unpacking donations as they come in, setting up the room for the sale, helping to sell on Saturday, and of course the dreaded clean up when it's over!

There will be <u>sign up sheets</u> posted in Fellowship Hall beginning Easter Sunday, as well as an opportunity to sign up via email. (Look for an email in the coming weeks!)

This is a fun event (despite the many hours of work required to pull it off) so please consider giving your time and energy this year to making it a success...especially if you've never been part of the crew in the past!! We will train you!!



Please email or text Mary Calabrese if you have any questions: fmmt@comcast.net
(845) 522-4166

Bishop Bickerton to Visit NYCT

Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton will meet with the clergy and laity of the New York - Connecticut District on Monday, April 8.

Shrub Oak UMC will be hosting this event: 1176 E Main St.
Shrub Oak, NY 10588

Schedule:

4:00 PM: Cooperative Parish Clergy Coordinators meet with

Bishop Bickerton

5:00 PM: Rest of District Clergy arrive for a Q&A with the

Bishop

6:30 PM: Laity arrive; dinner

7-9 PM: Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton to speak, along with

Rev. Doris K. Dalton, NYAC Director of Connectional Ministries, and Mr. Lonnie Chafin, NYAC Treasurer

and Director of Administrative Services

Closing Worship

9:00 PM: Departure

The deadline to register is April 3 – please do all that you can to encourage a good attendance at this important event.

Register now at this url:

https://ny-reg.brtapp.com/April2024NYCTBishopDayOnDistrict

Prayer List

Rev. Fred Jackson Brian Strydio

Gail Rice Sam Cochrane

Lorraine Messitt Ronnie Pettinatti

Kristen Juanita Doreen Van Valkenburg

Victoriano Flores Carole Forman's grandson, Matthew

Greg Luisi Carmine Molinaro

Please get in touch with Marcia Grant by phone or email about a week before the end of the month and give her any updates and also let her know if you would like to be added or removed from this list that goes out to the entire congregation.

Many thanks -- Marcia Grant

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Webpage: https://trinityumclagrange.org

Worship Recordings

This is our link for the Trinity You Tube channel for people who want to see our worship recordings.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeNePmj0UUjXh3c0aXixbVQ

Spring is sprung, the grass is riz I wonder where the birdies is. The bird is on the wing. But that's absurd, The wing is on the bird. Or so I've heard.

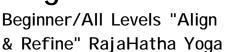
By Ogden Nash

Sunday School
Please contact Clay
Beattie if you are interested in participating. 845-223-5584

Adult Bible Studies Please join us - all are welcome

Adult Bible Studies Weekly Adult Bible Studies with a time of prayer and praise via Zoom on Tuesday evenings at 7:15pm. Contact Clay Beattie, 223-5584

Yoga





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Tuesday Class 5:30 - 6:45 PM Thursday Class 6:00 - 7:15 PM Saturday Class 9:00 - 10:15 AM

*please arrive 10 minutes prior to start of class.

*class cost: \$5 (20% donated to church)



Trinity Piecemakers

The Trinity Piecemakers will meet in the Fellowship Hall on the first Thursday of each month. Meeting dates will be as follows: 4/4, 5/2, 5/6. Please contact Debbie Beattie at 845-223-5584 for more information.

Roundtable Discussions

2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month at 8 pm on ZOOM. Topics each month will be announced the Sunday before it's held. Call Karen Jenkins for any questions, 845-242-5590, Patsy Boisvert for the ZOOM link, 845-298-0454

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DATES TO REMEMBER

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April 7	Second Sunday of Easter	Published monthly except for July & August
r	,	Editor: Bob Boisvert
April 8	Bishop Bickerton Visit	Send articles to: raboisvert47@gmail.com
April 14	Third Sunday of Easter Trustee meeting	Church email: trinitylagrange@aol.com
	G	Church Website:
April 21	Fourth Sunday of Easter	www.trinityumclagrange.org
		Church Facebook: Trinity UMC LaGrange
April 28	Fifth Sunday of Easter	Church phone: 845-223-3152
April 23	Food Pantry bagging	Pastor: Rev Eileen Freeman
•	, 55 5	Pastor's email:
April 25	Food Pantry distribution	eileenfmfreeman@gmail.com
		Choir Director: Craig Grant
		Organist: Heidi Tucci
May 3	General Conference Charlotte, NC	Secretary: Eileen Hartney
		Secretary's email: eghartney@gmail.com