

The Trinity Lamplighter



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Pastor's Corner

Lent and the Promise of Palm Sunday

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Dear Friends, the season of Lent, which began on February 18, is a sacred time of reflection, repentance, and spiritual renewal. During this holy season, we are invited to examine our hearts, deepen our prayer life, and grow in our relationship with Christ.

Lent calls us to let go of what hinders our walk with God and to embrace His grace through prayer, fasting, and acts of kindness. As we continue observing this season, we also look ahead to Palm Sunday, when we remember Jesus' triumphant yet humble entry into Jerusalem. The waving of palms and cries of "Hosanna" remind us that Christ is our King, one who reigns through love, humility, and obedience to God's will.

Palm Sunday invites God's people to reflect on how we welcome Jesus into our lives, not only in moments of celebration but also in faithful discipleship. It prepares our hearts to walk with Christ through Holy Week and toward the joy of Easter.

Scripture for Reflection: "Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me" (Psalm 51:10).

May this Lenten season continue to draw us closer to Christ as we prepare to celebrate His resurrection.

In Christ's Love,

-Pastor Jean-Marc

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and renew a steadfast
spirit within me*

PSALM 51:10

PRAYER CONCERNS

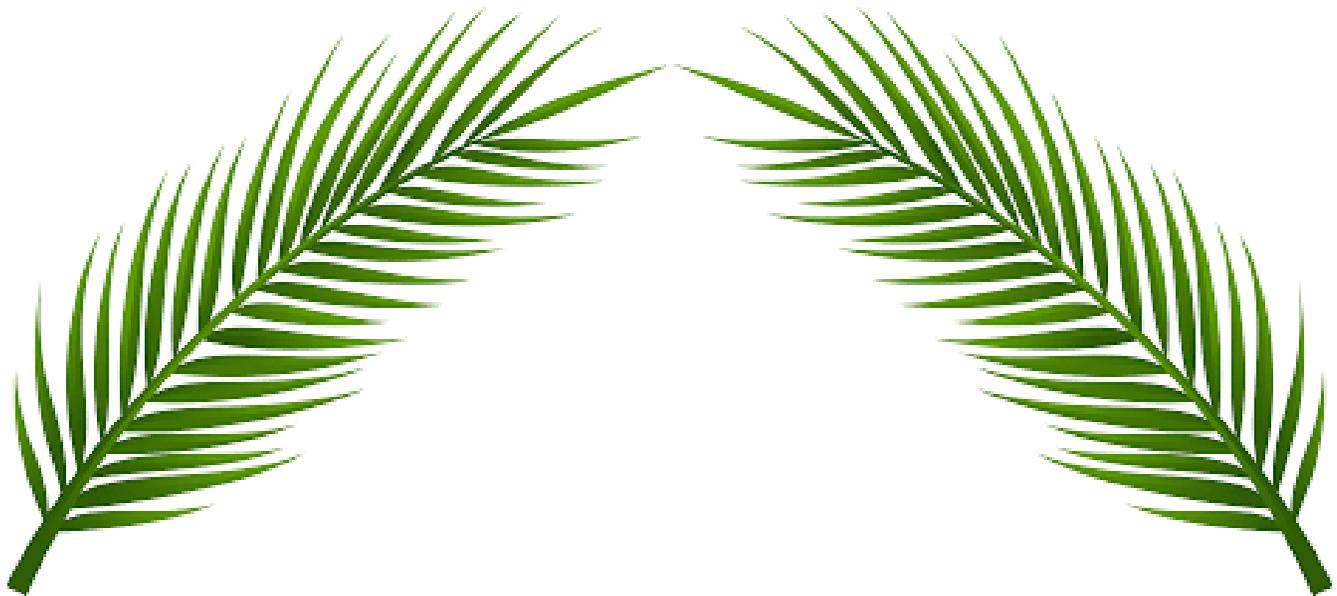
**Ron Davis
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Aimee Gfeller
Bryan Crowell
Cathy Berry
Colleen Allen
Linda Applebee**

**Jodi Radke
Dave Johnson
Marie Hogan
Steven Walters
David Munday**

TRINITY LADIES

The Trinity Ladies will meet **Tuesday, March 10th, 2026, at 10 a.m.** at Fellowship Hall. If there is need for our committee to assist with a funeral or to provide a prayer blanket, please contact us at (785) 483-



TRINITY COMMUNITY THRIFT STORE

Another month has passed, and things are still busy at the Thrift Store. We are gearing up for the change-over to the spring merchandise. That will happen at the end of the month.

The big event this month was the lunch we had to honor Cathy Wade and Shirley Most for their years of service to the store and to say “good-bye” to Norma Gooch. Norma has been involved with work at the store for several years and is now moving to Austin, Texas. She will be closer to one of her children. Shirley has been a worker at the store for 25 years in June and Cathy has been involved for almost as many years. These ladies deserved every honor we could give them for all their years of service.

The lunch was well attended and all who were there had a great time. We had soup as a main course made by Mary Ann and Barb Langhofer. All the attendees brought finger foods and desserts. There was a vast variety of foods, and we all needed a nap after lunch because we ate too much.

- Lyndel Adams

Children's Education Ministry

Greetings Church Family!

We've really been enjoying our time spent with the kids and youth of Trinity UMC! IGNITE kids meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month right after worship service from 10:45-11:30am (pre-school through 4th grade). IGNITE youth meets on the 1st and 3rd Sundays from 5:00-6:00pm (5th grade and up). Send your kids our way!



We would like to continue taking donations throughout the year for Operation Christmas Child boxes that we will get ready for shipment in November. Here are some suggestions for March and April items:

March: "Wow" Items (Musical instruments, puzzles, dolls, soccer balls with pump)

April: Stuffed Animals & Toys

Planning for VBS is officially underway so be on the lookout for more information coming soon!

Thank you for your continued support. God Bless You!

Katie Scarborough
Children and Youth Education Coordinator



The Pastor and Church Board warmly invite you to attend **Town Hall Fellowship Sunday, March 29th at 10:45 a.m.** Refreshments served!

Lent & Easter Upcoming

Palm Sunday & Easter Cantata Service Sunday, March 29th at 9:30am

Maundy Thursday Service Thursday, April 2nd at 6pm

RCAOC Good Friday at First Congregational Friday, April 3rd at 12pm

Easter Service Sunday, April 5th at 9:30am

RCAOC Lenten Lunches Wednesdays at 12pm

March 4th at St. Mary Queen of Angels Catholic Church

March 11th at Trinity UMC

March 18th at St. John Lutheran Church

March 25th at Emmanuel Lutheran in Milberger

April 1st at First Congregational Church



Online Giving is Available!

Set up an ACH Plan for your offering to Trinity UMC. It is a great way to continue to financially support the church and its ministries. Save a stamp and keep your personal check!!

Contact the church office rsltrin@ruraltel.net or 785-483-2440

(Thank you for your attendance and monetary support of Trinity United Methodist Church)

CHURCH RECORDS WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

<u>Date</u>	<u>9:30 am</u>	<u>Online</u>
Feb. 1	27	13 views
Feb. 8	39	8 views
Feb. 15	29	13 views
Feb. 22	47	7 views

FINANCE UPDATE Sunday Offerings:

Feb. 1	\$ 1013
Feb. 8	\$ 3985
Feb. 15	\$ 11,781
Feb. 22	\$ 1284

Ash Wednesday Service Feb 18 in person = 26

March Worship Assistants

Communion Stewards

Jerrie Parsons & Lea Reddig

Ushers

March 1: Duane Adams

March 8: Duane Adams

March 15: Duane Adams

March 22: Duane Adams

March 29: Duane Adams

Lector

March 1: Lyndel Adams

March 8: Raeleen Reinhardt

March 15: Jerrie Parsons

March 22: Ken Jeroue

March 29: Raeleen Reinhardt

Bulletin Delivery to Shut-Ins

March 1: Dee Ann Matheson

March 8: Margie Gilpin

March 15: Dee Ann Matheson

March 22: Dee Ann Matheson

March 29: Dee Ann Matheson

Greeters

March 1:

March 8: Raeleen & Steve Reinhardt

March 15:

March 22:

March 29: Raeleen & Steve Reinhardt

Sound System

March 1: David Munday

March 8: David Munday

March 15: David Munday

March 22: David Munday

March 29: David Munday

Pianist

Curtis Sander

Pat David

Galen Schmidtberger

Children's Time

March 1: Lyndel Adams

March 8: Raeleen Reinhardt

March 15: Katie Scarborough

March 22: Katie Scarborough

March 29: Katie Scarborough

Thank you for the many ways you are serving the Lord.

“Hosanna!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Blessed is the king of Israel!”

John 12:13 NIV

Kingdom Bloggers

If you can't join us in person, please join us online at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays.. Services are streamed online each Sunday. There is an updated link posted on our FB page: <https://www.facebook.com/Russell-Trinity-UMC-200278325077>, or our webpage: <https://russelltrinityumc.org/>

Listen 1st and 3rd Sundays to the radio on 98.1 FM or 990 AM.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Holy Communion 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service on the radio 2 p.m. Care Center 5pm Ignite Youth	2	3	4 6pm Bible Study 8pm AA Meeting 12pm Lenten Lunch @ St. Mary's	5 Thrift Store Hours 9:00 am - 5:00 pm	6 Thrift Store Hours 1:00 pm -5:00 pm	7 Thrift Store Hours 10:00 am-2:00 pm
8 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45am Ignite Kids	9	10 10am Trinity Ladies	11 6pm Bible Study 8pm AA Meeting 12pm Lenten Lunch @ Trinity UMC	12 Thrift Store Hours 9:00 am - 5:00 pm	13 Thrift Store Hours 1:00 pm -5:00 pm	14 Thrift Store Hours 10:00 am-2:00 pm
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29 NO Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship - Palm Sunday & Easter Cantata NO Ignite 10:45am Town Hall Fellowship	30	31	If you'd like to add a birthday or anniversary, please contact the church office by phone or email.		** If you notice any corrections or your name is omitted from our list, please contact the Church Office at (785)483-2440	

Birthdays and Anniversaries

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| 1. Carol Droegemeier 🕯️
6. Shelby Penka 🕯️
7. Dale Weimaster,
Curtis Sander 🕯️
8. Marie Hogan 🕯️
10. Bud Neil, Kelli Patten 🕯️
11. Ava Voss 🕯️
20. Becky Anschutz 🕯️
Matt & Julie King 🕯️ | 21. Ward Craig, Zachary Jensen 🕯️
Kyla & Talbot Driscoll 🕯️
25. John Hill 🕯️
27. David Couch,
Tammy Mitchell 🕯️
28. Alex Funk, Tyler Hontz 🕯️
30. Duane Fields,
Kegann Gideon 🕯️
31. Kurt Brooke 🕯️ |
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Monday - Friday
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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Assistant:*
Beth Foster

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Jamie Sander

Organist & Pianist:
Galen Schmidtberger
Curtis Sander
Pat David

Music Minister:
Galen Schmidtberger

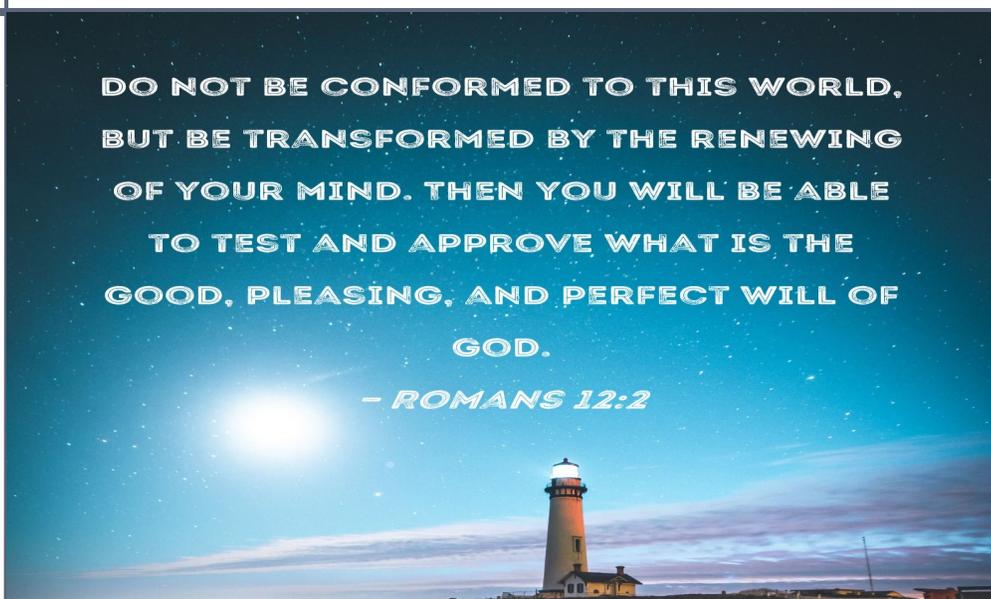
Choir Accompanist:
Curtis Sander
Pat David

Worship Hours

Sundays
8:30 Sunday School
9:30 Church Service

DO NOT BE CONFORMED TO THIS WORLD,
BUT BE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWING
OF YOUR MIND. THEN YOU WILL BE ABLE
TO TEST AND APPROVE WHAT IS THE
GOOD, PLEASING, AND PERFECT WILL OF
GOD.

- ROMANS 12:2



Visitors are WELCOME at Trinity anytime.

We appreciate you being a part of the Trinity experience on your Sunday! Be sure to check out our website at www.russelltrinityumc.org for Live Stream on Sundays, and **Facebook** : [Russell Trinity UMC](https://www.facebook.com/RussellTrinityUMC)

Join us the 1st and 3rd Sundays radio—
KRSL 990 AM and 98.1 FM

