

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Share the Light of Christ

And so it begins...another year and another season of Lent. Mark these dates on your calendar for your important dates for you and your family for the upcoming season of Lent 2024. This year's theme for Lent is "share the light of Christ" that each of us needs to go out and tell the story of Jesus and how our faith story relates to our Savior's story. Here are some suggestions: invite friends and family to worship; prepare a treat for fellowship and share with people at church; share a faith story at church; share a faith story at adult Sunday school or Children's story; write a note telling someone from church you're praying for them (take a name from prayer list); and just greet and talk to someone at church that you do not know very well. Mark those calendars and see you in church...

Lenten Services

Ash Wednesday February 14, 2023.

Worship at 7pm at Trinity.

1st Sunday of Lent Worship 9:30 am 2/18

2nd Sunday of Lent Worship 9:30 am 2/25

3rd Sunday of Lent Worship 9:30 am 3/3

4th Sunday of Lent Worship 9:30 am 3/10

5th Sunday of Lent Worship 9:00 am 3/17

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Palm Sunday Worship 9:30 am 3/24

Maunday Thursday Worship 7:00 pm 3/28

Good Friday Worship 7:00 pm 3/29

Easter Sunday, March 31st. Worship 9:30 am.

Children's Activities after worship

Again, Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

John 8:12

Valentine's Day History

No one knows for sure how Valentine's Day began, but there is one story that says there was a Christian priest names Valentine who lived in Rome. This story says he helped young soldiers get married, since married men could not fight for the emperor. This angered the emperor, who had Valentine put in jail, and he was later martyred on February 14th.

The children of Rome were saddened and wrote notes saying that they love and missed him, then they pushed their notes through the prison bars. These notes were perhaps the first valentines.

Later, Pope Gelasius declared February 14 the feast day of St. Valentine. It became the day for the expression of love.

The greatest commandment says, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind," and the second is this, "love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:37-39).

Sunday School

Weekly Sunday School continues each Sunday during the worship service. All children are welcome to attend. Please invite your children, grandchildren or neighborhood children to join in our Sunday School activities.



Ash Wednesday page 2 Service

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. Its roots lie in the ancient Jewish festival of Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. Atonement means "at-one-ment."

If we are to be one with God, with each other, we must face who we are, make our confession and open ourselves to the supportive power of God and our faith community in the Lenten struggle for new life.

On Ash Wednesday we gather in faith to make a new beginning. Though often we turn our backs on God and on each other, but God remains faithful, calling us again and again to live in fullness of grace.

In this Lenten season we walk the road to the cross with Jesus so that we might be raised with him at Easter time.

Join us for Ash Wednesday worship on February 14th at 7:00pm.

Notes:

Worship - We witness to the transforming power of Christ through our regular presence in worship. Invite a friend or a neighbor to come with you to worship.

Five Minute Testimony
Looking for volunteers to share their faith—the difference Jesus has made in your life. You will have five-minutes to tell people about your joy and excitement of following Jesus. If interested, please speak with Pastor Dass.

Tailgate Breakfast

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ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL TUM FUN SUPER BOWL TAILGATE BREAKFAST SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 10:30ish BRING YOUR FAVORITE BREAKFAST TAILGATE FOOD AND COME JOIN THE FUN.

Drinks and table service will be provided. Wear your team colors. Bring family, a friend or neighbor. Ovens will be set on warm if you bring a hot dish.

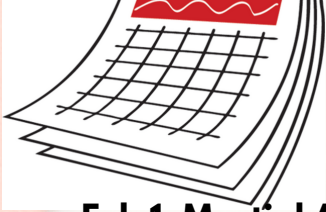


Iowa Homeowner Assistance Fund

Iowa Homeowner Assistance Fund. This outlines information regarding a Home Repair Program. The goal of the program is to prevent homeowners being displaced by assisting with home repairs. These needs must affect the insurability or accessibility of their home.

Eligible homeowners may receive up to \$35,000 to effect these repairs. Eligible homeowners may also qualify for assistance with past due mortgage and related property expenses, or payments of fines assessed by local government as a result of the inability to make the critical repairs (i.e. fine for a broken sidewalk, boarded up windows).

Submit an on-line application at iowafinance.com/repair.



Church Calendar

Feb 1: Martial Arts Class 6-8 PM

Feb 6: Martial Arts Class 6-8 PM

Feb 11: Worship Service 9:30 AM

Tailgate Breakfast

Feb 14: Ash Wednesday Worship 7:00 PM

Feb 18: Brown Bag Sunday Worship 9:30 AM

Feb 21: Church Council Meeting 6:30 PM

Feb 25: Worship 9:30 AM

Feb 4: Communion Worship 9:30 AM

Feb 8: Martial Arts Class 6-8 PM

Feb 13: Martial Arts Class 6-8 PM

Feb 15: Martial Arts Class 6-8 PM

Feb 20: Martial Arts Class 6-8 PM

Feb 22: Martial Arts Class 6-8 PM

Feb 27: Martial Arts Class 6-8 PM

Feb 29: Martial Arts Class 6-8 PM

Clothing Pantry

The calendar for the Clothing Pantry is in the Narthex. Please review the dates that you have volunteered. We will have one key to the Pantry that will need to be passed from one volunteer to the next. Kathy will get the key to the first person staffing and then it is up to each person to pass the key along to the next volunteer. If you need contact information for the person you need to pass the key to, please contact Kathy at 515-321-3609. Thank you for volunteering your time! The following people have volunteered to staff the clothing pantry. We have 7 days to fill on the calendar. Can you help?

Feb 3 Steve & Gayle Hornung

Feb 11 Bryan & Sam Purdy

Feb 18 Nicki & Pam

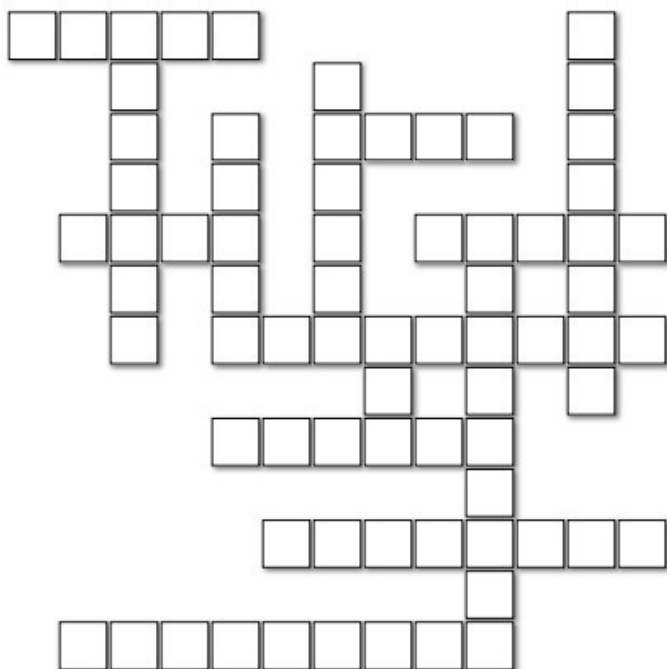
Feb 24 Christensen's

Feb 25 Vicki & Ron Lyon

Days volunteers are needed: Feb 4, Feb 7, Feb 10, Feb 14, Feb 17, Feb 21, and Feb 28.

Fun Stuff

Fit the words into the grid!



Use these words to fill in the grid

- Cup, Hymn, Wine,
- Bread, Jesus, Judas,
- Supper Thanks Singing
- Betrayer, Passover,
- Disciples, Jerusalem,
- Upper Room

NOAH & THE ARK WORD SEARCH



BiblePuzzles.org.uk

ALTAR	FLOOD	OLIVE LEAF
ANIMALS	FORTY DAYS	RAIN
ARARAT	FORTY NIGHTS	RAINBOW
ARK	FOWLS	RAVEN
CATTLE	GOPHER WOOD	SHEM
CORRUPTION	HAM	WATER
COVENANT	JAPHETH	WICKEDNESS
DESTROY	MOUNTAINS	
DOVE	NOAH	

Feb Bible Study Calendar

February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Genesis 39 Genesis 40 Genesis 41 Matthew 7	2 Genesis 42 Genesis 43 Genesis 44 Matthew 8:1-13	3 Genesis 45 Genesis 46
4 Genesis 47 Genesis 48	5 Genesis 49 Genesis 50 Luke 7	6 Exodus 1 Exodus 2 Exodus 3 Matthew 11	7 Exodus 4 Exodus 5 Exodus 6 Matthew 12:22.50	8 Exodus 7 Exodus 8 Exodus 9 Matthew 13	9 Exodus 10 Exodus 11 Exodus 12 Luke 8	10 Exodus 13 Exodus 14
11 Exodus 15 Exodus 16	12 Exodus 17 Exodus 18 Matthew 8:14-34	13 Exodus 19 Exodus 20 Exodus 21 Mark 4	14 Exodus 22 Exodus 23 Exodus 24 Mark 5	15 Exodus 25 Exodus 26 Exodus 27 Matthew 9	16 Exodus 28 Exodus 29 Exodus 30 Matthew 10	17 Exodus 31 Exodus 32
18 Exodus 33 Exodus 34	19 Exodus 35 Exodus 36 Matthew 14	20 Exodus 37 Exodus 38 Exodus 39 Mark 6	21 Exodus 40 Leviticus 1 Leviticus 2 Luke 9:1-17	22 Leviticus 3 Leviticus 4 Leviticus 5 John 6	23 Leviticus 6 Leviticus 7 Leviticus 8 Matthew 15	24 Leviticus 9 Leviticus 10
25 Leviticus 11 Leviticus 12	26 Leviticus 13 Leviticus 14 Mark 7	27 Leviticus 15 Leviticus 16 Leviticus 17 Matthew 16	28 Leviticus 18 Leviticus 19 Leviticus 20 Mark 8	29 Leviticus 21 Leviticus 22 Leviticus 23 Luke 9:18-27		