

“**Rekindle the gift** of God that is within you. For God did not give us a spirit of fear but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.” 2 Timothy 1:6-7

March 2024

Trinity UCC Topics

Trinity Friends,

**Lent** awakens us to hope in God whose "steadfast love endures forever" and to struggle against everything that leads us away from the love of God and neighbor. The Lenten disciplines of repentance, fasting, prayer, study and works of love are guides for returning to the steadfast love of God. During Lent we confess our mortality, our limits and our vulnerability so that we might be transformed and become the new life God calls us to be. From our UCC Book of Worship

Paul appealed to the churches; “**Rekindle the gift**”. We are living in a time of reconstruction and we call on you to rekindle your gifts and use them joyfully for the benefit of others and the community of faith. Hearts are awakening. During our recent annual meeting our members generated a thoughtful list of activities. Thank you to all of you who attended and shared your thoughts. It is not “your” gift. It is God’s gift that has been given to you for the good of others. Many of you committed to help plan and organize opportunities to gather together and offer service in a number of ways. Watch for opportunities to be engaged as these programs continue to develop.

Invite people to come to church with you. Somehow we think that all we have to do is to sit in our churches and people will just show up. We need to shake the tree. We live in a time when we need to choose now over later. There is an old saying; “God what are you doing today? I want to be part of it.”

What is God doing today? We need to be there. Support our members who are engaged in what God is doing. Environmental concerns, Anti-Racism, Inclusion of all people, creating caring community, feeding hungry people, mentoring, resolve to end homelessness, prayer, yoga, access to health care, etc. etc. You are doing it. In all that you are doing, God calls us to bring people along and prioritize invitation and outreach.

Note that Easter is early this year. The celebration of Holy Week at Trinity will look different this year. I don’t want you to miss the Downer’s Grove Choir on Palm Sunday and Good Friday! The Church in Downer’s Grove participated in our North Street Mission program last summer. NSM groups work with us in our breakfast program as well as in several agencies in the community. On the last night that they were with us, a Tornado warning was issued and we spent several hours together in the basement between the fellowship hall and the Boiler room! God works in mysterious ways and we made a pact to do more together including another NSM experience.

Rekindle the gift of God that is within you!!! God will do the rest.

Your Partner in Christ’s Ministry,  
Dr. Franklin



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*March Birthdays*

# March Lenten Services Schedule



**March 3** Holy Communion

**March 10** One Great Hour of Sharing offering  
Lunch After Worship with Habitat for Humanity Speaker Beth Weaver

**March 24** Palm Sunday  
"Downers Grove Choir"

## *Holy Week*

**March 25** Maundy Thursday 6pm  
Worship & Communion

**March 29** 7pm Good Friday Service  
"Downers Grove Choir"  
Tenebrae Service

**March 31** Easter Sunday

# ***Mind, Body and Spirit at Trinity***

## ***March, 2024***



# HOLY WEEK

During this year's season of Lent:

- Sundays- all ages are invited to meet in the Parlor after worship for ***“God’s World in Community: Lent”*** This is a time for conversation, Bible study, an activity and a snack. Hope you will join us!
- ***Lenten Bible Study and Soup at Noon*** on Tuesdays in the Parlor. We are studying the book, *“The Women of Easter: Encounter the Savior with Mary of Bethany, Mary of Nazareth and Mary Magdalene”*. It is written by Liz Curtis Higgs.
- People of all ages are invited to gather for ***“Living in Faith Together: A Walk with Jesus through Holy Week”***. This will include a light supper, studying God’s word, “playing” together and praying together. This will be at 6:00 pm on Tuesdays March 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> and will take place in the Parlor.
- On Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> there will be a **Luncheon after Worship** and guest speaker is Beth Weaver.
- On **Palm Sunday (March 24<sup>th</sup>)** please consider bringing a coat to donate. We will be sharing these on the pews, in the center aisle of the Sanctuary, as a reminder of the palm leaves that were laid down as Jesus rode a donkey into Jerusalem.
- A Youth Choir from Downer’s Grove Church in Chicago will be sharing music with us on **Palm Sunday** during worship and on Good Friday Evening Service at 7:00pm. Please join us for worship and listen to their beautiful music.
- On Maundy Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, ***“The Last Supper”*** written by Pat Underwood, will be presented at 7:00 in the Sanctuary. Music and communion will be shared as well. Please join us in this time of worship.
- Good Friday Worship services will take place at Noon and at 7:00pm. Come, reflect and sit in prayer on this day of remembering the gift Jesus Christ did for us.
- I am so looking forward to a joyful celebration and worship on Easter Sunday morning! Hope to see you all there!



# Save the Date!

## Housing & Homelessness in Wayne County

~ A community meeting with updates on  
strategic solutions to provide housing for all ~

Thursday - April 11, 2024 - 7:00 pm  
First Presbyterian Church, Wooster - Bruch Hall

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### *Scripture & Title:*

*"What's Love Got to Do with It?"*

*Psalm 23*

*1 John 3:16-24*

*Earth Day Sunday April 21st*

### *Bio:*

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One Great Hour of Sharing® is one of four special mission offerings of the United Church of Christ. This Lenten Offering supports the disaster, refugee, and development ministries of the United Church of Christ within Wider Church Ministries. It channels resources for international programs in health, education and agricultural development, emergency relief, refugee ministries, and both international and domestic disaster response, administered by Wider Church Ministries, Global Sharing of Resources. Trinity UCC will collect this offering March 10, 2024.

**Plans to renovate the Fellowship Hall and Kitchen and alleviate the water problem in the basement are underway!**

Moving days with the Renovation Team will soon be here! We have set the months of April, May and June as the timeframe for the renovation of the kitchen and fellowship hall. Before that can happen, we hope to have a French drain installed in the basement. The items in the hallway, pantry and beneath the stairs will need to be cleared out first for the French drain. To help us, please save newspaper and bubble wrap to pack glassware and bring it to the church office. If you have any totes to lend to us, please put your name on them and bring them in too. Keep an eye out for moving dates so you can help. Thanks ahead of time for your help.

## CREATION CARE AND JUSTICE COALITION

Here we are in the Season of Lent on our church calendar, with Easter to arrive on March 31st, and Spring Cleaning is just around the corner.

The following are a few suggestions to reduce our exposure to toxins and harsh chemicals, while also reducing the amount of our plastic containers.

(1) **HOMEMADE LAUNDRY DETERGENT:** use 1./4 cup for 1 load of laundry.

Ingredients: 1/4 cup Arm & Hammer Washing Soda

1/4 cup 20 Mule Team Borax

1/2 cup Plain Unscented Castile liquid soap (my daughter used Dr. Bronner's)

4 cups of water

Directions: In a saucepan, boil 2 cups of the water, then add the washing soda and borax. Stir until clear, then take off of the stove.

Add the Castile soap to the remaining 2 cups of water and mix.

Then combine both mixtures and mix well.

If you will not be using the detergent up in 5-7 days, or your laundry area is warm, Label it Clearly and refrigerate. You may need to stir it before use, as it tends to thicken as it sets.

(2) **WHOLE NATURALS CASTILE SOAP:** it is EWG (Environmental Working Group) Verified and Palm Oil Free, Unscented and Organic. It contains olive, argon, jojoba, and other oils. It can be found on Amazon in a 1./2 gallon container for 5Zq.g9. It comes with directions for how to prepare for use as a body wash, face wash, shampoo, baby wash, etc.

(3) **DRAIN CLEANER:** AlkaSelzer Tablet & White Vinegar. Let the tablet & vinegar foam for awhile, when the foaming stops, then follow with hot to boiling water.

(4) **DEODORANT AND STAIN REMOVER:** White Vinegar makes an economical personal deodorant. It also works well to spray the underarms of shirts & blouses. etc., prior to laundering, to eliminate odor or, in the case of white shirts, to remove underarm perspiration stains.

(5) **WINDOW CLEANER:** Mix White Vinegar & Water in a spray bottle to clean windows.

(6) **BAKING SODA:** this can be used in place of harsh cleansers. You can use it to clean stuck on food from a pan or corning casserole. Just add to water in the container and let soak. Use your usual pan scrubber and in the case of corning ware, a nonscratch scrubber, to finish the job, which is much easier after this soaking method.

(7) **SHAMPOO & CONDITIONER BARS:** These save plastic containers. But check ingredients just as you would on container types to avoid sulfates, phalates, etc.

WE WILL HAVE FURTHER SUGGESTIONS IN THE FUTURE. HAPPY TO HELP IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS.

Carol Eberhart, February 12,2024



# MARCH WORSHIP SCHEDULE

10:30am



All Services are available online on Facebook and YouTube  
Live services are available on our website at  
Trinity UCC.org



## March 3rd

Third Sunday in Lent  
Holy Communion

1 Corinthians 1:18-23, John 2:13-22  
Sermon "But Not us!"

## March 10th

Fourth Sunday of Lent

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering  
John 3:14-21, Ephesians 2:1-10  
Sermon "God worked on us"

## March 17th

Fifth Sunday of Lent

John 12:20-33, Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Sermon "Everything Changes"

## March 24th

Palm Sunday

Downers Grove Choir

Mark 11:1-11, Philippians 2:5-11  
Sermon "Don't Miss this Opportunity"

## March 28th

7pm Maundy Thursday

## March 29th

Noon and 7pm Good Friday

## March 31st

Easter Sunday 10:30 AM

John 20:1-18

Sermon "Run! Don't walk"

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Our Worship Service is Broadcast-  
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Sunday morning at 8:30AM.