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As we continue to grow as an Easter people, may we continue to share his good news with all we meet in the Rose City area. See available offerings further in this newsletter.

A Word From Our Pastor

LAST WORDS

He Has Risen!!

Or has he? I mean, yes, Jesus is resurrected on Easter Sunday, after all that is what Easter is about. However, I believe that this newsletter will be out before Easter Sunday and saying this just feels ... not quite right. I want to save it for when I can hear your voices chorus back, "He has risen, indeed!" (note – on Easter Sunday I will expect to hear those words said back to me!)

Instead of Easter, I will speak of Maundy Thursday. Let me throw in a quick advertisement for the service.... (woman with graying hair in red shirt) I hope to see you at our Maundy Thursday service at Trinity UMC on Thursday, March 28th, at 5:30. It will be held in the Family Center, and will be a family style meal of Tacos, along with the Word of God. Please RSVP by TEXT @ 989-390-1835 by Tuesday, or call, to let us know how many will be attending. We don't want to come up short on food!

John 13:34-35 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

Jesus Christ, after he knelt down upon his knees and washed all of the disciples' feet clean of dirt, dung, and grime, at what would be their last meal together, their Passover meal, proclaims to the disciples, those words above, in red. After this meal, Jesus and his disciples went to the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus was kissed by Judas, later arrested, then crucified the following morning. So, this would have been Thursday evening at what we now refer to as Maundy Thursday, or Holy Thursday. These words in red are very important, as they are the very basis of what Maundy Thursday is about. Maundy comes from the Latin word *mandatum*, or

mandate. These words in red are not spoken as an option, or something they should do, but something they are commanded to do by Jesus. A mandate. Love one another. As I have loved you so you MUST love one another. (My capitalization, not the Bible.)

Let us be clear about this. These words were some of the last words that Jesus spoke to his disciples. His last words. When he could have said anything at all, or better yet, when the time had come to give the disciples the most important information they needed to know, he commanded them to love one another. And specifically, as Jesus loved them. That's important to note. There is no more powerful love than the love of God. Why? Well, the next sentence explains why. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." But that is not the "why" I am asking about because this love that Jesus speaks of (often and with utmost importance) is not just about our outward showing to others that we are followers of Christ. It goes deeper than that. It is a personal thing. It is a deep down inside us and how we love Jesus kind of thing. It is about us and who we are on the inside. Why did Jesus command us to love and to love one another? What is it about His love that he wants us to understand?

You may be thinking that I am going to tell you why.... but I am not going to. That, my friend, is a question that you need to figure out yourself.

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Have a blessed, love-filled Easter!

Pastor Helen



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Please remember to contact **Lee** to book the usage of any church facilities (Family Center, Church and/or Basement) for any reason (whether church-related or not). **ALL** facility users **MUST** check with Lee to ensure that the building space is available.

April Birthdays

Neveah	Brown	3
Mike	Larrison	8
Jonathan	McLaren	8
Becky	Meir	12

April Wedding Anniversaries

Jeff & Lois	Thompson	14
Mike & Glenda	Brick	29

We are missing birthdays and/or wedding anniversaries for many of our months. Please assist us to keep this information up to date! Email information to:

TrinityTribune.RC@gmail.com

To add your information into our membership roll information bank, look for the slips on the back table in the sanctuary. Please let the **EDITOR** know if you would rather not have your personal information shared in our newsletter. **THANK YOU!**

ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS:

PLEASE CONTACT our **EDITOR:**

If you know of others who, should be added and/or removed or, if you are listed below, and wish to be removed from our prayer concern list.

CHURCH FAMILY

CONCERNS

- ♥ Pastor Helen Alford & Family
- ♥ Harper (6 years old)
- ♥ Krystal
- ♥ Natalie (2 years old)
- ♥ Chuck Beehler
- ♥ Dean Clark
- ♥ Mae Delaney
- ♥ Jennel Fields
- ♥ Denny Lamb
- ♥ Rod Mason
- ♥ Jonathan McLaren & Family
- ♥ Lee O'Connor
- ♥ Johanne Otteson
- ♥ John Nugent
- ♥ Jay Pennell
- ♥ Jeff Rembowski
- ♥ Doris Robertson
- ♥ Roger Robertson

- ♥ George Savage (3 years old)
- ♥ Nick Teeples
- ♥ Don Tryba

FAMILIES IN MOURNING

- ♥ Roxanne L. Benjamin
- ♥ Karen Rasch Beyerline
- ♥ Michael Jameson & Mandy Olse

MILITARY

- Jayden Clark
- Izzy DeCosta
- Will Kerley
- Nathaniel Perry

MISSION GROUPS

- ♥ Lydia's Gate
- ♥ His Love Family Resources
- ♥ Rayola

EMTS, FIREFIGHTERS, &

POLICE

SEARCH & RESCUE

- ♥ Abbey Reimer, Lily & Robin

APRIL Worship Teams

7 **GREETER:** Gary & Judy Asel
LITURGIST: Evelyn Delaney
CHILDREN'S WORD: Linda Wend
COFFEE HOUR: Johanne Otteson

21 **GREETER:** Cindy Lee
LITURGIST: Doris Robertson
CHILDREN'S WORD: Judy Asel
COFFEE HOUR: Linda Graham

14 **GREETER:** Rod & Polly Mason
LITURGIST: Mike Brick
CHILDREN'S WORD: Abbey Reimer
COFFEE HOUR: **POTLUCK**

28 **GREETER:** Linda Graham & Marva Hartman
LITURGIST: Gary Asel
CHILDREN'S WORD: Deb Pennell
COFFEE HOUR: Evelyn Delaney

ACOLYTE: JAMES CLARK

USHERS: MIKE BRICK & JONATHAN McLAREN

APRIL'S COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES AT A GLANCE

- ♥ **SUNDAY SCHOOL – EVERY SUNDAY** at 10:45 to 11:45 for ages three through 12th grade.
- ♥ **CHOIR PRACTICE– TUESDAYS** at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary.
- ♥ **BIBLE STUDY, AT 10 AM. ON WEDNESDAYS,** at our Family Center.
- ♥ **CHAIR YOGA** Every Thursday at 10 am. All are welcome to come exercise with us!
- ♥ **ABBEY'S BIBLE STUDY–** changed back to Most Thursdays at 6 pm in the FC.
- ♥ **10 UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH** at the Family Center
- ♥ **20 ZOOM PRESENTATION TESTIMONY –** Luncheon at Noon, followed by the program. Everyone is invited.

CHECK OUT OUR CHANNEL.

Go to YouTube, log into your Gmail account, type in “trinity united methodist church of rose city” and our home page will appear under a list to choose from. Be sure to **SUBSCRIBE**, and share our services on your social media accounts! The more that see us online, the more that may join us in person! Sharing online is FREE! Plus new church members can be gained into our congregation this way!

OUR BLESSING BOX

Provides staple foods and other supplies, 24 hours a day, for anybody in our community who is in need. Baby supplies, cereals, boxed items, rice, canned goods, etc. keep best. Laundry soap, shampoo/conditioner, toothpaste/brushes, toilet paper, deodorant, cleaning supplies, and the like, are needed, too.

You may donate items at any time by placing in them in the Blessing Box or contacting 989-390-1835 to set up a delivery time, as overflow is kept inside the Family Center, and put out daily as needed. If you don't want to shop but want to donate cash, you may do so.

Plus the **BLESSING BOX** has a brand new Facebook page with a link to Walmart for anyone to place orders and that will be directly delivered to us. Check it out!!

Contact **PASTOR HELEN** for more information.

DAYS FOR GIRLS

We meet the last **THURSDAY** of the month to create feminine supplies for DFG. We will continue to get together and work on the kits right through winter if the weather allows. Bring \$2 for lunch at the senior center, \$3 if you are under 60 years of age. It is amazing what our wonderful little group has accomplished.

Come join us at 10AM and enjoy the company of some amazing women while doing rewarding work. We usually call it a day by 2PM or 3PM.

Contact Cora Killinger for additional information.

SEEKING SCRIPTURE

Desire the Word, that you may grow thereby.

1 Peter 2:2

Most good gardeners have a green thumb and know there are two catalysts to make plants grow and blossom: Sun and water. Without them the plant will quickly wilt and die. This rule seems basic and easy to follow, but how many of us have come back from a vacation and found dead or wilted plants?

We Christians also need certain catalysts to grow spiritually and when neglected our growth as God's faithful servants will also be stunted and dry. It seems simple but so many Christians wither and dry up when our souls are not being fed. That vital nutrient for our souls is daily looking at God's Word. When we study the Bible faithfully each day, our lives will grow spiritually and that joy that helps us live above our circumstances will shine forth in our daily lives.

Let's commit to daily Bible study. We can study topics, chapter and book studies and characters to name a few. Just choose the method of Bible study that is best for you and begin to grow in knowledge and understanding of God's Word.

Pray daily for His guidance in all you think and do.

SAS Message

The SAS Leadership Board met this past week. We are in the process of creating a Leadership Covenant. This Covenant is a sacred agreement with God and other Leadership Board members. It will be a written agreement of the expectations of leaders and a code of conduct that each board member agrees with. It speaks to how we will work together, collaborate with one another as a "team" and treat each other.

We also agreed that there would be a **Church Conference on May 5 at 3:00 pm**. This will be a very important event for our church family.

Submitted by **SAS LEADERSHIP TEAM CHAIRPERSON**, Cindy Lee

Maunday Thursday

Our **Maunday Thursday Taco meal** went over really well. The service was well attended by 48 people made up of Trinity, Churchill and outside community people. Both the hand washing and other key components of the event were done well and the food was excellent.

A big thank you goes out to all who made this event happen!!

JUDES JEMS

Science has never drummed up quite as effective a tranquilizer agent as a

sunny Spring day !



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 - 9 PM CHAMPIONSHIP SPORTS CHEERLEADING (FC) 	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 AM BIBLE STUDY (FC) 5:30 - 9 PM CHAMPIONSHIP SPORTS CHEERLEADING (FC) 	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 AM CHAIR YOGA (FC) 6 PM ABBEY'S BIBLE STUDY 	5	6
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