



Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World

March 2020 Newsletter of Trinity United Methodist Church

What if. Those are the two words Matt and I have been focusing on as we are preparing for the season of Lent. Through this season, we will be studying *The Walk* by Adam Hamilton. Rev. Hamilton guides us through different practices that help us bring about the what if of Jesus. After all, Jesus was all about what if the kingdom of God was already here.

As we journey to the cross and Easter, we will worship, study, give, serve, and share. Then we will look at the cross and how all these practices help us in understanding the sacrifice of Christ and the power of God.

As we do that, I invite you to start dreaming about what if. What if all people had enough? What if all children knew God loves them? What if we all were just a little kinder to each other? See the power of what if?

Here is a sneak peak of the what ifs we will be focusing on during worship:

March 1st: What if...all knew God created them out of love and offers grace to all?

March 8th: What if...we made it our mission to learn how God provides hope in the world?

March 15th: What if...we all showed the world God's love by sharing our gifts and talents?

March 22nd: What if...we trusted that our money could bring about the kingdom of God?

March 29th: What if...we told people about how much the Lord means to us?

As we share these possibilities, I hope they help you to realize how amazing God really is. I also hope you sign up for a study to dig even deeper than worship or grab a prayer journal, my gift to you.

My great "what if" for this season is what if we knew where we are going and how to be faithful to God? What if we knew the possibilities of showing God's love through the ministry of the community center and daycare? What if we worked together to create a space and ministry for children and youth of this church? What if we got so excited about church, we invited others to join us? I do not know about you but I am getting excited about asking "what if." I am a little bit nervous too, but I know that as we keep our focus on the Lord, the hope and promise is greater than our fear.

So, with God's grace and love guiding us I am excited about the what ifs this Lent. I hope you join me in "The Walk" that Jesus Christ calls us to.

See you soon!

Pastor Tessa

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Sunday Worship: Services @ 8:30am & 11am

Pastor: Rev Tessa Zehring **Associate Pastor:** Pastor Curt Copple **Pastoral Care:** Rev Dr. Bob Folkers

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Choir Director: Dr. David Galant **Media Director/Worship Leader:** Matthew Hindley **Accompanist:** Alex Lunardi

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Mission Notes

Mission team would like to give you an overview of things we hope you will be happy to embrace with us this year. Just about every month has something for you to choose to participate in!

In March we will be making tie blankets. These will be donated to a local cancer center or perhaps to a group working with children. The boat in March features "Lucky Charms" and any other kind of cereal you would like to donate.

In April we will have an Earth Day celebration. You can read more about Earth Day below, and watch out for the boat item...it's a surprise.

In May we will once again collect baked goods from the congregation for the Steven Center or another shelter. The theme for the boat will be Cinco De Mayo!

In June we are hoping to welcome the Blood Mobile to our parking lot. The theme for the boat will be Birthday party collections for a local charity.

In July the church focuses on the 4th of July food stands. The boat will feature collecting school supplies.

Santa in Sept comes back this year working with the Yes project. The boat features desserts for school lunches.

In October we will have a big Thank You Party for the Congregation, a big treat feature between services for everyone! The boat will collect soups and stews.

November is a time of thanks for everyone and the only thing we will do is collect Thanksgiving foods for Living Hope UMC.

To finish up the year, we will once again send Christmas Cards to a nursing home signed by members of the congregation.

Every month Missions invites you to join them to make 100 sack lunches for the poor. Financial donations toward this mission are always appreciated or let us know if you want to shop for needed supplies.

The Mission team used to be a huge team. Through retirements and family movement the Team has shrunk and now only has about a half dozen active members. **WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS.** Your creativity, enthusiasm, and goodwill toward your fellow man is all the qualifications needed. **IT'S FUN! AND IT IS TRINITY'S PRESENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY. SHARE THE LOVE!**

Cindy Jolly

Dining for Women

March 13th, The focus is on reproductive health services in hard-to-reach areas in Guatemala. There has been nearly a 30% increase in teen pregnancies. We will give a brief summary of the February project which focused on helping women in Malawi to improve their livelihood with more protein-rich legume seeds.

Let's Celebrate Earth Day!!

During the last 50 years our world has seen many changes, many of them not environmentally friendly; however, for the last 50 years millions of people across the globe have been highlighting those changes and how they effect the world in which we live.

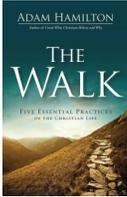
Since 1970 people around the world have been celebrating Earth Day on April 22nd of each year. Trinity will hold an Earth Day celebration on Sunday, April 19th from 9am to noon.

The mission team would like to not only celebrate our earth, but also present ways to protect it. We will look at how we can reduce our carbon footprint and want to encourage ways to reduce, recycle and reuse through intergenerational activities and educational resources.

Over the next weeks we will update you on the progress we are making for this eventful day. As we near the April 19th date, think of how you and your family respond to the ever-changing ways of the world.

Judy Dappen

Education Notes



Kids For Christ (KFC) and Children's Sunday School will also be taking "The Walk" with Jesus. Come and learn about actions to take as we grow closer with God. Then on Wednesday, explore fun ways to live into your faith. Let's see if we can learn more about our Walk with Christ.

What is happening with youth group? This is a question I have been getting a lot lately. There will be a youth meeting on Sunday, March 8th at 3pm. Come and find out about youth meeting, this year's mission trip, and possibilities of meeting as a youth group. Sponsors and youth alike are invited to attend. Yes, there will be food and fun involved too.

Trinity Learning Center

We have officially unveiled your new childcare center! If you did not have a chance to see it, please let me know and I will set up a time for a tour. Our application has been accepted and approved by the state. They will send us our license once we complete three more approvals that are scheduled in the first week of the month. We are so close to opening our doors!!!

Open houses have been scheduled for the public on March 5th and 12th. Please pass along this information for anyone who may be looking for childcare. We are accepting 29 children for this first year, and it is first come first serve for families. Those interested can call Megan at 531-466-1707 or e-mail her at info@tlcralston.org.



Thank You

Harry and I have appreciated your thoughts and concern for both of us during treatment for Harry's leg wound. He has returned home after weeks at Hillcrest Rehabilitation and is on the mend. Many thanks for cards, prayers and visits from Pastor Tessa. ~Arlyne and Harry Weichel

Words cannot express how much we appreciate the outpouring of prayers, cards and condolences on the passing of our brother/uncle. Our hearts are full! ~Carol Palmeiro and Carrie Winkelman

I would like to thank my Trinity family for all your prayers, cards, meals, snow removal and enjoyable rides to rehab. I have been overwhelmed with all the kindness as my recovery continues. Thank you and God bless. ~Tom Sullivan

March Birthdays

- 3/3 Jen Markowsky
Slyvester Porchia III
- 3/4 Susan Berray
Ed Hansler
- 3/7 Don Berglund
Jim Kane
- 3/9 Kim Johnson
Diane Lenczowski
- 3/11 Beckham Kiolbasa
Karev Lidner
- 3/12 Brooke Brown
Skyler Lyons
- 3/15 Madison Black
- 3/16 Dorothy Daugherty
- 3/18 Sophia Lyons McGill
Amelia Moore
- 3/21 Vicky Segers
- 3/25 Chuck Rogers
- 3/26 Adilyn Dudzinski
- 3/29 Jada Brown
Jason Hindley
Connie Loveland
Dave Ramsay
- 3/30 Carol Palmeiro
Sarah Tripp

UMW Notes

- Mon, Mar 2nd** UMW General Meeting 7pm*
*Esther & Mary Circle Meetings to follow
- Thurs, Mar 5th** Naomi Ruth Circle 10am
- Tues, Mar 24th** UMW Executive Board Meeting 6:30pm

Everyone is invited to the UMW General Meeting on Monday, March 2nd at 7pm. Following a brief meeting, Katrina Sieler will have a program about her trip to Germany and the Czech Republic last year.

Saturday Book Club

Because February's meeting was cancelled, the selection for March will remain *Crossing to Safety* by Wallace Stegner. You are welcome to join us for fellowship and discussion of this book on Saturday, March 21st, at 9am in room 205.

Trinity Methodist Men

The Trinity Men's Group will meet on Saturday, March 28th at 8am for coffee and fellowship. If you are interested in learning more about this group, then contact Steve Gage.

Upcoming Holy Week Schedule

- Saturday, April 4th: Easter Egg Hunt at 10am
- Sunday, April 5th: Palm Sunday, Easter Cantata at 8:30 and 11am
- Thursday, April 9th: Maundy Thursday service at 7pm
- Friday, April 10th: Good Friday service at 7pm
- Sunday, April 12th: Easter services at 8:30 and 11am



Don & Millie's Sunday

Eat at Don & Millie's on Sunday, March 22nd from 11am – 5pm and the church receives 20% of your purchase.

Calendar insert

You will find inserted in this month's Beacon a copy of the current calendar for March. Please check the website (trinityalston.org) for the most up-to-date calendar available. Call the church office at 402-331-4054 for more information, or to schedule your event today.