TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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TUMC Mission Statement:

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"To ignite such a passion for Jesus Christ and His teachings that it sets our world on fire."

From the Pastor's Pen.. 👤



18 And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." Mark 14:18 (NRSV)

30 Jesus said to him (Peter), "Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times." Mark 14:30 (NRSV)

Jesus said these words on the occasion of the Last Supper, where Jesus instituted Holy Communion. In the next few hours, Judah would betray Jesus, Peter would deny even knowing Jesus, and the rest of the Jesus' disciples would run away. All three activities were forms of betrayal of Jesus by those closest to him. They had walked and prayed with Jesus for three years, witnessing Jesus' miracles and hearing his teachings. Yet they betrayed their friendship.

Note, Jesus loved all of them anyway and chose to spend his precious last few hours of freedom in their company, continuing to teach them verbally and by example, and pray for them. One could argue, as Peter attempted to do, that "I could never betray, deny, or flee from the presence of Jesus." But we would be gravely mistaken. For all have sinned and fallen short of the Glory of God. (Romans 3:23) if you are wondering how one might discern your guilt, how many times have you broken Jesus' Greatest Commandment to Love the Lord our God with all your heart, soul, and mind, and love your neighbor as yourself. (Matthew 22:37-38) Another measure of our disciples' heart may be found in the Beatitudes: Matthew 5:1-11 (NRSV):

5 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: ³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. 5"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. 6"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. 8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. 9"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. 10"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Hear the Good News-Jesus chooses to love us despite our failure to live up to these expectations and to invite us to receive his Grace. Lent is an excellent time to consider areas where we must repent and seek forgiveness individually, corporately, and as a nation when we deny Jesus by failing to live up to Jesus' expectations for us. Jesus is willing to forgive us all.

That's the heart of what the cross and Easter is all about! Eternal life is a bonus for an earthly life well lived in light of the Way of Jesus, And God's grace since none of us is perfect.

All God's Peace to You!

Pastor Walter

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Blessings & Prayers

Prayers for Those Who Have Been Hospitalized or Sick Recently...

Tommy Catterton
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Theresa Braun
Greg Kearns
Al Schwencer
Jackie Schwencer



Our Sincerest Sympathies to...

† To the family of Greg Bowen who passed away on Tuesday, February 25, 2025. Greg and his family were long time members of Trinity. Please pray for his son Nathan and daughter Emily along with all his family and friends as they grieve his loss.



God's Blessings upon...

(Preparatory Member)

The Buckler family as we had the privilege of welcoming them into the Body of Christ and our local church family on Sunday, March 16, 2025. Grandparents are Pat and Rhonda Buckler.

Amanda Buckler (Reaffirmation of Faith)

Gatlin Michael Buckler Brandon Michael Buckler

(Profession of Faith)

Amanda Buckler



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News from Christian Education and In-Reach Sunday School for All Ages

You're always welcome to join our Sunday School classes, held every Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m. The Children's Sunday School class is exploring the Bible from start to finish, enjoying Scripture, stories, crafts, and wonderful fellowship together.





If you'd like to join the Young Adults Class, please reach out to Ruthie Lewis at ruthielws@gmail.com.

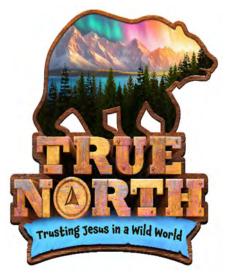
The New Covenant Class welcomes new attendees. If you have any questions, please reach out to Wes White at wjwhite58@yahoo.com.

2025 Vacation Bible School - True NorthTrusting Jesus in a Wild World

It's only 110 more days until Trinity's Vacation Bible School. This summer VBS is scheduled for **Sunday**, **July 20 – Thursday**, **July 24**, **2025**, starting with dinner at 5:00 p.m. This year's theme is True North – Trusting Jesus in a Wild World. Please mark your calendars and share with your family, friends, neighbors, EVERYONE!

At True North, kids discover what it means to trust Jesus in a wild world! Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, experience one-of-a-kind Bible Adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of Jesus' love, and test out sciency-fun experiments they'll never forget. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes with a Compass Closing that gets everyone involved in living what they have learned.

A sign-up sheet for volunteers is available in the Gathering Room. You do not have to commit to the entire week; there are plenty of tasks that can be done beforehand, or you can help out for a day or two. Registration forms for campers are in



the bulletin and on our website. Please share this information with anyone who might be interested in attending this year. This is one of Trinity's community outreach events. If you're interested in helping with this exciting annual event, please contact Ruthie Lewis at ruthielws@gmail.com or Darlene White at dhwhite59us@yahoo.com.

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News from Christian Education and In-Reach

Bible Studies

New Open Bible Study – There is still time to participate in the Open Bible Study for Lent, held on Wednesdays. We will be exploring the book *24 Hours That Changed the World* by Adam Hamilton, the author of *The Journey*. This hybrid Bible Study offers two sessions: 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., both held in the Fellowship Hall and accessible via a weekly Zoom link.

The **Women's Bible Study** gathers every Tuesday morning at 10:00 a.m. in the Library. They warmly invite more ladies to join them for a time of learning and fellowship.

Summer Camp 2025

Discover Your Adventure and Join the FUN! Registration is open for the following:

2025 Day Camp Programs - Day Camp - West River Center

Campers will have an opportunity to try many different activities including swimming, boating, nature studies, hikes, arts and crafts, giant swing, bible study, climbing wall, archery, songs, sports, games and more. Each week will be exciting, new, and fun to keep campers active the entire summer.

- Based on grade entering this Fall, Grades 1-8
- Day Camps are Monday Friday
- Daily 9am-5pm No extended hours available

2025 Overnight Programs- Overnight Camp - West River Center

Get a week away and enjoy all that West River offers: swimming, boating, climbing, music, games, and much more! One-week residential camps are offered for entering third-graders to adults. Half week offerings are for first time campers while Grandparents Camp is a multi-generational unique event.

- Full week for 3rd-12th grades
- Specialty camps for Adults
- Mini week for 2nd 4th grades
- most programs run Sunday afternoon Friday evening

If you have a child or grandchild, or know of someone who may interested, please contact the Church Office at 410-535-1782. The links to the website has also been provided.

The Shannon Library

The Shannon Library is located in Room 218 on the main level, across from the Choir Room. A Library Committee has been formed to develop guidelines for our library. We are excited to share that our mission is to nurture the spiritual growth and education of adults and families in our congregation and community. We aim to provide a warm and inclusive space filled with a collection of books, DVDs, and study guides. Whether you want to deepen your faith, embark on a new learning journey, or simply enjoy a good book, our library is here to support you. We would like to extend a special thanks to Ryan Wojciechowski for volunteering his time to help organize the resources currently in the library.

More information will be shared in future newsletters or bulletins. If you have any questions, please contact Darlene White.

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH News from Christian Education and In-Reach



Trinity United Methodist Church invites you to an Easter Experience.



































When: April 19th, 2025 at 2:00 pm

Where: 90 Church Street Prince Frederick, MD

All ages and Families are welcome!

Come join us as we walk alongside Jesus on His powerful journey to the cross, culminating in a celebration with an Easter Egg Hunt filled with fun and surprises.

Candy or Treat filled egg donations are appreciated. There will be a collection box in the Gathering Room. If you have any questions, please email CarynMig85@gmail.com

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CAMP HOPE JULY 2025

CAMP Hope is a youth missions opportunity in which teams of senior high youth (aged 14 -18) work with adult leaders from their church for one week to serve a homeowner with a home improvement need they are physically or financially unable to complete on their own. CAMP HOPE's mission is to empower youth to gain technical skills, build relationships with homeowners, strengthen relationships with their fellow youth and adult leaders, and begin to develop a lifelong passion for service in mission.

Check out their website ~ https://www.camphopemd.com

Trinity UMC will sponsor a team this year **July 6-12** led by Jim VanDuzer and Jaime Drenning. Jim has been a CAMP HOPE team leader for many years and brings all the experience that could be needed to the team. Jaime was a CAMP HOPE staff member for many vears and looks forward to leading a team this summer. Lori Willis is providing administrative support to the team.

Trinity UMC has a long history with CAMP HOPE and it is great that a new generation can serve on a team and have the CAMP HOPE experience. Former Trinity UMC member, Amy Willis is the program director for CAMP HOPE. It is always a life changing experience in some way for those that join a CAMP HOPE team. For details please contact Lori at Lojowillis@gmail.com.

THE MISSIONS' TEAM AND SMECO HAVE JOINED FORCES

(TO HELP YOU SAVE MONEY AND ENERGY)



These Energy Efficiency Kits (in the Gathering Room) include:

- Two bubble spray aerators A swivel bubble aerator A foam tape weatherization strip A shower head, and
- An advanced power strip

Please take a box of these energy-saving products for your home and a box or two to share!

Project Echo Meal

Please consider signing up for the Trinity Meal for Project Echo. It is on the second Tuesday of the month, and the dinner can be dropped off anytime before 6 PM. The expected number of folks that need meals is around 30, but occupancy can be confirmed a few days ahead of time with Echo House.

Sign up sheets are in the gathering room.

2025 Trinity UMC Scholarship Application Form

The 2025 Trinity UMC Scholarship application is posted on the church website at www.trinityumchurch.org. We are accepting applications until 2:00 PM April 18, 2025.

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Worship Team Message



Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Simon," he said to Peter, "are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour? Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak."

Mark 14:37, 38

I am sure all of you recognize this as the exchange between Jesus and his three closest disciples Peter, James, and John in the Garden of Gethsemane just before his betrayal and arrest. He had asked them to come with him and keep him company in prayer. It was late and the flesh was tired, and they could not stay awake. Our flesh is weak, the spirit is willing and so many times the flesh wins out when the Spirit wants us to do so much more for God. Lent and our journey to the cross is more than half over. Jesus is teaching his disciples and us too that true worship goes beyond the church walls, and the limitations of the flesh. Consider this passage where Jesus told the Samaritan woman at the well about what true worship is and it is good for us to remember as well.

"Yet a time is coming and has now come when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is Spirit, and his worshipers must worship in Spirit and truth."

John 4:23, 24

Thank you to Pastor Dana Jones and our Brothers and Sisters at Mt. Olive for their welcoming us into their sanctuary as we had a great evening of worship and fellowship on Ash Wednesday. Thanks to Pastor Walter for his message and the joint choir for the worship music.

Coming up in April, join us in Worship for:

Palm Sunday A unified service with the Easter Cantata	April 13, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.		
Maundy Thursday with Communion	April 17, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.		
Good Friday – Tenebrae Service	April 18, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.		
Easter Sunday Services:	April 20, 2025		
Sunrise Service at Western Shores	6:15 a.m.		
Contemporary Service	8:00 a.m.		
Traditional Service	10:30 a.m.		

Come let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for he is our God and we are all the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

Psalm 95:6, 7

May God bless and keep each of you!

Wes White

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April 2: Eugene Hayden

April 2: Jennifer Pettko

April 3: Erin Beyer

April 3: Grayson Carswell

April 3: Adam Scrivener

April 4: William Jennings Midgett

April 5: Christine Marie McCorison

April 5: Darcy Slayton

April 6: Gail Gott

April 6: Alexa Marie Nolan

April 7: Grace Steuart

April 8: John Carswell, III

April 8: Loretta Hall

April 10: Henry "Hank" Valentin

April 11: Virginia Mulford

April 11: Kathryn Sferra

April 12: Cheri DeLaVergne

April 13: Kevin Nelson

April 13: Alyssa Osburn

April 14: Rebecca Zaidins

April 16: Jessica Lynn Hall

April 16: Jonathan Hardenstine

April 16: Peyton Kimmel

April 16: Thea Migliaccio

April 16: Grady Western

April 17: Christopher Dillon

April 17: Crystina Merritt

April 18: Eric Lupfer

April 18: Andrew Seawell

April 18: Matthew Short

April 18: Judy Warner

April 19: John Harms

April 19: Staci Lagana

April 19: Daryn Elliott Willson

April 21: Sean Bailey

April 21: Linda Horsmon

April 22: Shirley Boylan

April 22: Riley Quesenberry

April 24: Susan Cox

April 24: Landon Mansfield

April 24: Philip Mohler

April 25: Timothy Wayne Clark

April 25: Genevieve Zentgraft

April 26: M. Robert Scrivener

April 27: Victoria Lynn Hall

April 27: Thomas Lewis

April 27: Brennen McCorison

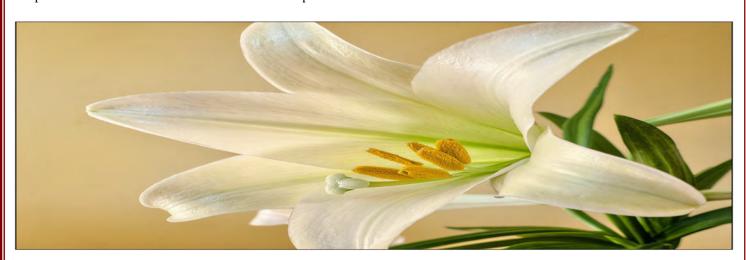
April 28: Hanah Bennett

April 28: Shelley Wahlgren

April 29: Carol Lavoie

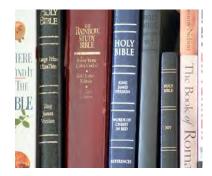
April 30: Edward Evans

April 30: Stacy Hawxhurst



Contact the church office (410-535-1782) to have your birthday added to the list or to let us know of any name changes.

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Open Bible Study Wednesday's at 10 AM and 6:30 PM In Person and Zoom Fellowship Hall

For Highlighter questions, comments or article submissions, contact the editor Debbie Dinardo at ddinardo59@gmail.com.

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April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
		10:00am-11:30am Women's Bible Study- (Library) 6:30pm-8:00pm CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING (Hybrid)	10:00am-11:30 Open Hybrid Bible Study- Zoom/Fellowship Hall 6:30pm-8:00pm Open Hybrid Bible Study- Zoom/Fellowship Hall	10:00am-3:00pm Vets Library 5:30pm-8:00pm GS Troop 11076 (Room 317) 6:30-7:30pm Praise Team Rehearsal (High School/Adult)-Sanctuary 7:30-8:30pm-Choir (Choir Room)	1:00pm-5:000pm Al-Anon family groups—set up	Al-Anon Family Groups of Southern MD
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What Happened on Good Friday?



Jesus died on the cross to pay for my sins.

This means that I can pray and ask God to forgive my sins.



What are sins? A sin is anything I do that doesn't please God. Circle each picture that shows a sin.









stealing

talking back to my parents

sharing

lying

Why did God send Jesus to die for our sins? Because he loves us. Complete the verses about God's love for us.

love

ACED. Son

so much that he gave his only _

so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life. John 3:16

for us by sending his only _ _ into the _ (3)

so that we might have life through him. 1 John 4:9

d us and sent his _ to be the means by which our sins are (C)

forgiven. 1 John 4:10

What Happened on

Easter?



On Easter morning Jesus came back to life.

Later he went back to live in heaven.

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H

This means that Jesus can give me new life.

I can be happy now and go to heaven later.



Why do we have bunnies and eggs as symbols of Easter? Spring is a time of new life, and this reminds us of our new life in Jesus. Find the springtime words in the puzzle.



BUNNY

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TREE



FLOWER

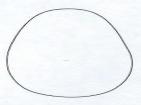




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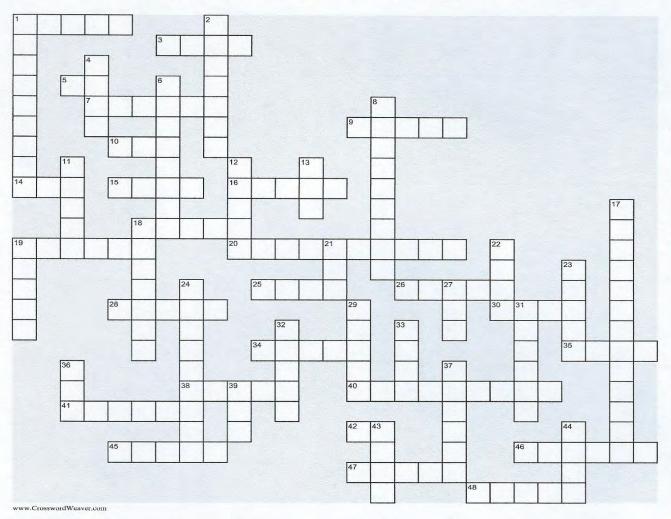
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EGG

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The Passion of the Christ



ACROSS

- 1 _____ of life
 3 The ____ to Emmaus
 5 Do this in rememberance of ____
 7 the lost sheep of ____
 9 Turn neither to the
- ____ or the left

 10 thy ____ and staff
- comfort me

 14 ____ of God
- 15 ____ of the Jews
- 16 What is ____?
- 18 ____ of thorns 19 Judas got 30 pieces
- 20 Geological event at crucifixtion

- 26 _____ soldiers
 28 time of day
 30 WIse men came from the ____
 34 born in the city of ____
 35 held to Jesus' mouth
 38 died in our ____
 40 religious leaders
- 41 Pontius _____ 42 The Great I ___ 45 Christian symbol

25 the upper ___

- 46 A crown of ____
- 48 carried the cross

DOWN

- 1 released by Pilate
- 4 split in two at crucifixtion
 6 Mary supposed him to be the ______
 8 cmae to Jesus by night
 11 two sat in the tomb
 12 sealed the tomb
 13 what they did at the last supper
 17 I am the ______ and the life
 18 They yelled _____ him!
 19 _____ of the spirit

2 Sea of ___

- 19 ____ of the spirit
 21 If I could just touch the
 ____ of his garment
- 22 I will not drink of the fruit of the ____
- 23 denied him but was restored

- 24 religious leaders
- 27 The Son of ___
- 29 betrayer
- 31 Simon's brother
- 32 Pilate washed them
- 33 In the beginning was the
- 36 Then he took the _____ robe
- 39 Peter cut if off
- 43 A virgin mother
- 44 disciple whom Jesus loved