



# Trinity Triumph

March/April 2016

## LOOKING FORWARD

**February 14-March 13—Sunday Evening Lenten Series**—More information and the schedule can be found inside the newsletter.

**February 14-March 27—One Great Hour of Sharing Offering**

**February 28—March 13—Fundraising for Trinity Youth 24 Hour “Feed the Hungry” Fast and Fundraiser**—Proceeds will go to the food pantry at Christ’s Table.

**March 12-13—Trinity Youth “Feed the Hungry” Fast and Fundraiser.** Details for the fast and fundraiser are found in the Youth News.

**March 13**—Daylight saving time begins. Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour.

**March 20—Palm Sunday**

**March 24—Maundy Thursday Worship Service—7:30 p.m.**

**March 27—Easter Sunday**—See the Youth News for details about the *Easter Sunrise Service* (7:30-8:00), *Breakfast* (8:30-10:00), and the *Annual Easter Egg Hunt* (9:45).

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA) SEAL



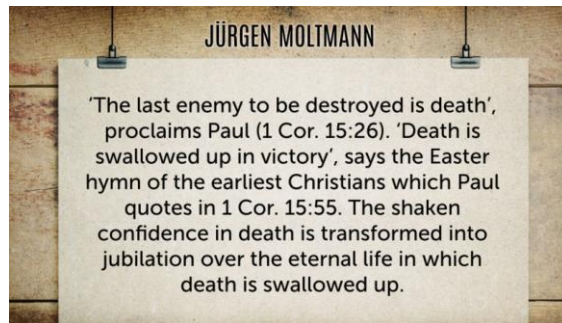
The basic symbols in the PC (USA) seal are the cross, Scripture, the dove, and the flames.

The **cross** is the universal and most ecumenical symbol of the Christian church. It represents the incarnate love of God in Jesus Christ and his passion and resurrection. The Celtic cross was chosen because of its association with Presbyterian history.

The **Scripture (book)** reflects the reformed tradition of the role of Scripture as a means of knowing God’s word.

The **dove** represents the Holy Spirit and also symbolizes Christ’s baptism by John, as well as the peace and wholeness which his death and resurrection bring to a broken world.

The **flames** represent two meanings: a symbol of revelation in the Old Testament when God spoke to Moses from a burning bush and a suggestion of the beginning of the Christian Church when Christ manifested himself to his apostles at Pentecost.



## From Ashes to Easter

Dr. Jim Schumacher  
February 8, 2016

### Betwixt & Between

Just one day separates me, as I write, from Ash Wednesday. With its traditional soup-supper and worship service, Trinity seems ready to welcome Lent. Our chancel will be decorated in purple, Lent's traditional color. The Cross -- always the hallmark of Christian faith -- takes center stage as we make our way through these forty, penitential days. All of this seems traditional. This is how things are "supposed to be."

Remembering back to my boyhood, however, I have to admit I really don't have a single Lenten memory. There's a reason for that. Ours was a very Scottish Presbyterian Church on the suburban outskirts of Detroit. Dr. Frank Fitt, our pastor, wanted nothing to do with "finery or robes." He preached every Sunday in frock coat and tails, pince-nez glasses precariously perched on the end of his nose. It wouldn't be till long after Dr. Fitt's leaving that ministers began wearing vestments. Lent, along with the rest of what we now call "the liturgical calendar," was reduced to Christmas, Maundy Thursday, and Easter. Anything beyond that would have been much too "high church" for our beloved pastor.

Once our military chaplains came back from the Second World War, what began was called "the liturgical revival." Gradually, we came to recognize how much we had in common with our Catholic neighbors. Lent now comes in with a bang, or at least with soot and ashes. Today, it's no longer uncommon for Presbyterians to receive the imposition of Lenten ashes, reminding us of the sobering recollection that we came from dust, and to dust we also shall return.

As though that were not enough, Lent reminds us of faith's least comfortable word, "sin." I'm not always sure we Presbyterians are up to actual sinning. Instead, we're prone to experience "lapses in judgment." The Bible, however, insists that "all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God." How unsettling of God to walk right over our collective sensibilities!

A number of years ago, Carl Menninger, founder of the Menninger Clinic in Topeka, Kansas, wrote a book that still fascinates me. "Sin," Menninger argued, "remains an offense against God." (The Shorter Catechism would agree.) In a great many instances, we sin against God before we break the law. Viewed that way, Menninger argued, sin provides an "early warning system." If we stay right with God, then we most often stay out of court. Menninger points out that our Judeo-Christian understanding of sin helps us keep body and soul together while preventing real violence. Menninger then went on to point out the growing violence and crime in all societies that lose sight both of God and the possibility of sinning. Lenten ashes put the realities of life squarely before us as we begin this wilderness journey.

Jesus' struggle against sin and Satan during his forty days of fasting remains the Lenten model. In each of his temptations, our Lord invariably puts the will of God at the top of his priorities. "You shall worship the Lord and Him only shall you serve." Faith, for Jesus, is not just one among many options. Faith, for Jesus, is the only option. Like the Pharisee or the Rich Young Ruler, we prefer to "diversify" or hedge our options. Jesus, however, is characteristically uncompromising. Always he points us on to radical obedience to the Living God.

In reality, the Christian Gospel remains either ultimate truth or consummate madness. Consider the following, "Great news! God came to us as a Jewish carpenter, but we killed him!" Without the totally unexpected event of the Resurrection, none of that even begins making sense. So it is that Lent must always be a wilderness journey from ashes, through the Crucifixion, to the empty tomb and a risen Lord.

Back in the late sixties, my personal theological hero, Jürgen Moltmann, surprised the theological world with his most famous work, *Theology of Hope*. Moltmann rightly reminded us that Jesus of Nazareth offers humanity the only real reason to look beyond despair. Only the crucified and yet living Christ lifts us beyond hopelessness to see God's redemption, not only of human beings, but of the whole, created order. Theology of Hope was an overnight sensation!

Yet, before Moltmann could publish even one more of the more than 30 volumes he would ultimately publish, his next work -- he insisted -- had to have the sobering title, *The Crucified God*. Unless we deal with sin, Lent, and the reality of Jesus' Cross, there can be no hope. Moltmann wrote what he lived. Wounded at the WW II Battle of Arnhem and imprisoned by his British captors, Moltmann experienced the loss of anything that could even be called hope. It was only when an American chaplain brought him a Bible, and a nearby Scottish congregation accepted him that Christian faith became real for this disillusioned soldier. His became one of the most important voices for the church in the post war world.

By its very nature, hope depends on a loving God. That's why Moltmann had to follow his great work on hope with a serious treatment of the crucifixion. Our hope as Christians doesn't grow from a blind-eyed optimism, but from historical fact. The fact on which we all depend is Jesus' obedience to God as he faced a faked trial and a tragic death. The cross is the reminder that God's love has faced the worst that sin can do and -- ultimately -- that God wins!

Moltmann puts it this way:

*Through his own abandonment by God, the crucified Christ brings God to those who are abandoned by God. Through his suffering he brings salvation to those who suffer. Through his death he brings eternal life to those who are dying. And therefore the tempted, rejected, suffering and dying Christ came to be the centre of the religion of the oppressed and the piety of the lost. (The Crucified God, p. 46)*

The hope that brings us together -- before it comes from anywhere else -- comes from God who, in Jesus Christ, faced and overcame what seemed ultimate defeat.

Lest any of this seem abstract, I need to share with you something of the burden of these recent months. Many of you know Sally and I struggle, day-by-day, with the threat of serious illness. Watching a beloved daughter bravely face what seems an up-hill struggle challenges faith in very serious ways. At the same time, her courage -- finding its strength in God -- bears on-going testimony to what faith really means. In our prayers, we learn life may not work out as we wish. At the same time, we keep on praying that our God, who -- in Christ -- suffered on that cross will -- through the New Creation's power -- bring redemption, healing, and new life.

Through all of this, Moltmann reminds us of God's unfailing and redeeming power through Jesus Christ, our Lord:

*In the cross of his Son, God took upon himself not only death, so that man might be able to die comforted with the certainty that even death could not separate him from God, but still more, in order to make the crucified Christ the ground of his new creation, in which death itself is swallowed up in the victory of life and there will be 'no sorrow, no crying, and no more tears'. (The Crucified God, p. 217)*

**6:00 p.m. Youth Room**

**2016 Sunday Evening Lenten Series**

**Pioneers of the Spirit**

(1). Throughout history **some** individuals have **experienced at first a profound spiritual desire and then experiences spiritual**. Certain ones of these stand out. They became prominent for facing, in this, new territory. They mapped new terrain in a search for and response to intimacy with God in Christ.

We will present a biographical profile of some of these in videos last 24 minutes. The videos contain excerpts from the personal writings of the individual, dramatic artwork, commentary, and narration focusing on the relevance of each pioneer to each of us, here and now.

(2). **Also ... in concert with the one about *Dante***, we will present Phillip Cary with a lecture *Souls After Death*. There is a traditional Christian view of life after death, but where did it come from and why were certain people -- other "pioneers" so sure of it. What about "the harrowing of hell" widespread tradition, one that claimed that Jesus' own soul descended into hell to effect a dramatic "rescue"?

The **Biographical Videos** will last **24 minutes**.

The lecture video *Souls After Death*, **30 minutes**.

Time following for any discussion desired: 20 minutes.

6:00 p.m. in the Youth Room, Lower level, side door.

**February 14: Teresa of Avila** -- **one of the most colorful mystics** of the Medieval period

**February 21: Julian of Norwich** - she received sixteen **startling images** of the crucified Christ that forever changed her life

**February 28: William Blake** - his ability to tap the **depths of Biblical imagery** remains a gift to the ages

**March 6: Dante Alighieri** - a poet whose best known work is *The Divine Comedy*

**March 13: *Souls After Death*** - Professor Phillip Cary, Director of the Philosophy Program at Eastern University, St. Davids, Pennsylvania, and Scholar-in-Residence at the Templeton Honors College, M.A. in Philosophy and Ph.D. in both Philosophy and Religious Studies, Yale University.

# News, Notes and Upcoming Events

**New Address**—Gigi and Jim Monath, 469 Wharton Boulevard, Exton, PA 19341  
We wish the Monath Family many blessings as they begin another chapter in their lives.

**Thank You**—The family of Chad and Alyssa Foster would like to thank everyone in the congregation for their support over the last couple of years. Whether with financial help, meals, cards, and especially prayers, we appreciate it all so much. Alyssa will be finished with treatment in just a couple of weeks, and will continue with follow up doctor visits. Chad is back to work and progressing in recovery. We have the best church family at Trinity, and we are so grateful to each and every one of you!

**Thank You...and Thank You**—Archie Thorla sends notes on behalf of himself and Alta on a regular basis, thanking groups and individuals for bulletins, newsletters, Deacon gifts, the opportunity to hear the sermons online, and other ways of being remembered. This is their response after the last mailing from the kids in Children's Church.

Dear Members of the Children's Church,

What a blessing it was to receive your nice "Thinking of You" greeting. It is always nice to hear from anyone of TUPC's congregation. Before moving to Primrose Retirement Community we were regular in attendance at TUP sitting in the same pew as the Welch's. When we were members at another church I was the one that had the children's sermon so perhaps I can have a sermon today.

Archie shared a "Sermon for Valentine's Day" around his remembrance of bullying connected with receiving Valentines when he was in school and a hope that this doesn't happen today. He added that Valentines are sent to make someone happy and to show appreciation for their friendship. He included Valentines to give to the children. Thank you to Archie and Alta!

**Favorite Hymn Request**—Do you have a favorite hymn? Take some time in the next few weeks to look through our hymnal and jot down the title of a hymn or two you would enjoy singing. The Worship and Music Committee is asking for your input as they create a list of hymns to consider including some time during the church year. You can place any suggestions in the offering plate now through Easter. Thank you!

**Session Minutes**—Approved Session minutes are posted on the bulletin board across from the office. Because Session meets every other month, the minutes will be from the meeting held two months prior to posting.

## Staying Connected at Trinity

**Newsletter Information:** If you have information for the newsletter, please e-mail Maggie Nussbaum at [margbaum15@att.net](mailto:margbaum15@att.net), phone her at 740-455-2004, or place a note in her mail slot in the office.

**Bulletin Information, Concerns, Comments, or Questions:** If you have information for the church bulletin, or if you wish to contact Pastor Allison, please call the church office at 740-452-8482, e-mail him at [d.allison.trinityupc.pastor@gmail.com](mailto:d.allison.trinityupc.pastor@gmail.com) or call him at 567- 274-5133 (Cell) or 740-487-4561 (Home).

# Mission and Church Life News

Maggie Nussbaum

**Tri-Giving**—A thank you note was received from Bethel Community Center, our September-December recipient of the Tri-Giving Offering. Our support enabled them to purchase 12 NIV Adventure Bibles which will be given to the children following a current study on the Beatitudes. They also designed and purchased T-shirts with the Bethel Bible Club logo on the front. This club is for grades 1-6, and they are learning about the love of Jesus. During the first semester their study focus was the Fruit of the Spirit. In other news, they now have children attending who live outside of the Putnam neighborhood, and they have been able to hire an assistant director. The vision is that she will become the director and lead Bethel into ministries that go wider and deeper in their call to serve families and children living in the crisis of poverty.

**One Great Hour of Sharing Offering**—This PC (USA) offering provides relief to those affected by natural disasters, provides food to the hungry, and helps to empower the poor and oppressed. One Great Hour of Sharing helps those in need in the United States and around the world. The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be collected from February 14<sup>th</sup> through March 27<sup>th</sup>. Special OGHS envelopes can be found in the pew racks.

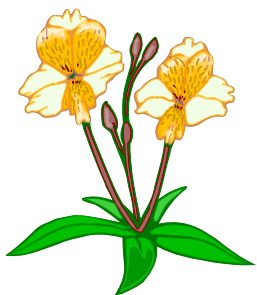
**Ash Wednesday Simple Supper**—Twenty-one members of our Trinity family enjoyed the fellowship and an assortment of delicious soups and breads during the Simple Bread and Soup Supper which preceded the Ash Wednesday service. We hope this will become an annual event and that more Trinity members and guests will be able to attend next year.

## Youth News

Nancy Thompson

At our January meeting, the Youth Committee (parents and youth) decided not to participate in the World Vision 30 Hour-Famine this year. Instead, we decided to have our own local event. This event will be: **The Trinity Youth 24 Hour “Feed the Hungry” Fast and Fundraiser** to be held March 12-13, 2016. The FUNDRAISER will begin February 28-March 13. Proceeds will go to our local Christ’s Table for their pantry. We have volunteered there the past four years. The youth will be collecting donations and pledges (one dollar for each hour of fasting) each Sunday morning. The FAST will begin on Saturday morning, March 12 at 8:00 a.m. on the honor system, with the youth coming in at 5:00 p.m. to continue the fasting and activities until 8:00 a.m. Sunday, March 13. The youth should have all received a copy of the schedule of events and details for this activity.

**The Easter Sunrise Service** will be led by the youth in the Chapel from 7:30-8:00 a.m. They are in charge of the **Breakfast for all the Congregation** in the Fellowship Hall from 8:30-10:00 a.m. At 9:45 a.m. the youth will oversee the **Annual Easter Egg Hunt** for children in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and younger. Participants should meet in the Youth Room at 9:45 a.m.; however, the event will be held outside if the weather permits.



## March Birthdays and Anniversaries

2	Maria Johnson	25	<i>Bob &amp; Jan Jenkins</i>
4	Michelle Collins	25	Elizabeth Linn *
5	Colton Hina <i>Robert &amp; Judith Lyle **</i>	31	Fred Love Julie Maneely Macy Meadows
7	Allison Bay		
8	<i>John &amp; Donna Myers</i>		
9	Jack Tysinger		* 80 years or older ** Over 50 Years of Marriage *** Golden Anniversary
10	<i>Clyde &amp; Jeaneen Morland **</i>		
11	Liz Grimm Cameron Hill		
13	Charles Gorsuch *		
14	<i>Raymond &amp; Danelle Murphy</i>		
15	Hinda Ardrey Steven Welch		
18	Richard Patterson		
20	Kathy Hixson		
23	<i>Keith &amp; Lori Meadows</i> <i>Doug &amp; Robin Moore</i>		
24	<i>Charles &amp; Barbara Gorsuch</i>		

If you notice a missing birthday or anniversary, please notify the church office.

### Members in Assisted Living or Homebound:

*Cedar Hill:* Norma Near  
*Primrose:* Archie & Alta Thorla  
*Helen Purcell:* Ann Nicholas, Frances Bare  
*Clay Gardens:* Mary Sprague, Barbara Addy, Jack Hampson  
*The Oaks at Northpointe:* Gretchen Bennett  
*Other:* Russ & Clara Mae Hansen at home



## April Birthdays and Anniversaries

1	Betty Ward *	23	<i>Tim &amp; Susan Thompson</i>
3	Heidi Church	25	<i>Donald &amp; Charlene Noland</i>
6	James Ardrey Jeffrey Bates Eloise Hayes * Judy Lyle	26	Laloni Tysinger
8	Bill Cook Anna Johnson	27	Aaron Johnson
14	Suzanne Mennega Dora Taylor	29	Margaret Keys *
17	Matthew Patterson Steven Starkey <i>Keith &amp; Patty Van Horn</i>	30	Andrew Cook Todd LeMaster Logan Maneely Nancy Wright
20	Doug Myers Linda Taylor		
21	Cathie Jenkins		
22	Kimberly Mortimer		

\* 80 years or older

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## March Worship Leaders

Head Usher: Richard Patterson

	<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>Sub.</b>	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Liturgist</b>
<b>6</b>	Taylor Ferry & Tillman Hawk	Aaron Johnson	Bob & Pat Payne	Dale & Kay Vandenbark, Kevin & Natalie Van Horn	Hinda Ardrey
<b>13</b>	Jonathan & Mark Patterson	Connor Allison	Mary Flanagan & Arlene Crooks	Jim & Hinda Ardrey, Arlene Crooks, Duane Bunker	Jan Jenkins
<b>20</b>	Katherine Allison & Emily Ferry	Taylor Ferry	Larry & Linda Good	Bill & Melissa Cook, Richard Patterson, Tim Patterson	Bob Jenkins
<b>27</b>	Tillman Hawk & Aaron Johnson	Jonathan Patterson	C.J., Amanda, Connor, and Katherine Allison	Charlene Noland, Julie Maneely, Dedi Spargrove, Frank Walburg	Macy Meadows

## April Worship Leaders

Head Usher: Larry Welch

	<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>Sub.</b>	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Liturgist</b>
<b>3</b>	Mark Patterson & Connor Allison	Katherine Allison	John, Shelly, Emily, & Taylor Ferry	Lew, Terri, Karen, and Kori Sidwell	Jake McLoughlin
<b>10</b>	Emily & Taylor Ferry	Tillman Hawk	John & Donna Myers	Bob & Jan Jenkins, Bob & Judy Lyle	Tim Patterson
<b>17</b>	Aaron Johnson & Jonathan Patterson	Mark Patterson	Todd, Kris, Tillman, & Leila Hawk	John & Donna Myers, Marsha Mortimer, Ray Mennega	Karen Sidwell
<b>24</b>	Connor & Katherine Allison	Emily Ferry	Dale & Kay Vandenbark	Bob & Pat Payne, Marilyn Royer, Bill Miska	Lew Sidwell

**Substitute Liturgist (when available):** Maggie Nussbaum

\*Note: If you are unable to serve on your designated Sunday, please switch with someone or find a replacement, and notify the church office for the bulletin.

## March 2016 at Trinity

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
MBS=Men's Bible Study	WW=Weight Watchers  NA=Narcotics Anonymous	1	2	8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast (Genesis Café)  5:30 p.m. WW  7:00 p.m. MBS (Parlor)	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
8:00 a.m. Bells of Praise 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship (Communion) 1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl	7:00 p.m. NA	6:00 p.m. Deacons  6:00 p.m. Alzheimer's Group  7:00 p.m. Mission and Church Life (Narthex)	6:15 p.m. Worship and Music  6:30 p.m. Building and Grounds  7:00 p.m. NA	5:30 p.m. WW 7:00 p.m. MBS	7:00 p.m. NA	Youth 24 Hour "Feed the Hungry" Fast  *Remember to turn your clocks ahead 1 hour before going to bed.	
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27	28	29	30	31			
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Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.

Worship: 10:30 a.m.

