

February 2026

Faces on the way to the Cross



Dear Friend,

It was the summer of 1985. I was at a music and drama band's retreat in the picturesque hills of Ooty, South India. It was there that I first heard words I have not forgotten since. On a crisp mid-morning, I heard these words from an audio cassette player. The British singer Cliff Richard sang:

“Every face tells a story,
it never tells a lie.”

Holy Week is filled with unforgettable faces—worshippers, skeptics, betrayers, leaders, disciples, and sinners. Each person Jesus encountered reveals something about the human heart... and something about the heart of God.

This series invites you to walk with Jesus through His final week and see yourself in these stories. Some characters warn us. Some inspire us. Some comfort us. All point us to the cross.

May the stories around the cross stir something holy within you. May grace meet you where you are and may hope rise where you least expect it. May the Savior who walked toward Calvary walk beside you now and always.

On the journey with you,

Arun Andrews

2026 THEME: FOR THE ONE.

THEME: FACES ON THE WAY TO THE CROSS
A 9-Week Journey Through the People Jesus Met in His Final Week

February 1 - Communion Sunday

Mary of Bethany - Costly Worship.

John 12:1-8

February 8

The Money Changers - In God's Laundry.

Matthew 21:12-17

February 15

The Pharisees - Pride and Prejudice.

Matthew 21:23-32

February 18 - Ash Wednesday

Repentance

Joel 2:12-13

Bishop Pauline Peifer

February 22

Judas Iscariot - Sin's Slippery Slope.

Matthew 26:23-30, 47-50

March 1 - Communion Sunday

Peter - Second Chances.

Luke 22:31-34, 54-62

March 8

Pontius Pilate – Integrity vs Popularity.

John 19:1-16

March 15

Simon of Cyrene - The Cross You Didn't Choose.

Mark 15:21

March 22

The Thief on the Cross -

A Prayer, A Promise, And Paradise.

Luke 23:32-43

March 29

The Palm Sunday Crowd - God in a Box?

Matthew 21:1-11

FROM INDIA WITH LOVE

My parents, Alex and Rita, are very grateful for all the emails and Facebook greetings you have sent them. They asked me to convey their gratitude. Thank you also for letting them know how much you appreciate having us at Trinity. That means a lot. Arun



PRAYER FOCUS FOR FEBRUARY: LOVE IN FAMILIES

Creative Prompt: When you notice a heart—on a mug, a greeting card, or even a child's drawing—pause and pray for families to be strengthened with patience, kindness, and understanding. Let these everyday symbols inspire prayers for deeper love, reconciliation, and joy in every household.

RESTORATION WORK IN THE SANCTUARY

Our Trustees and the rest of our Leadership Team have taken a series of steps regarding restoration work in the sanctuary. While we cannot afford to take on other recommended jobs at this moment, we are addressing the most urgent one.

The surface of the wall behind the curtain in the altar area needs restoration. The work is scheduled to begin on January 26, 2026, and should take two weeks to complete. On Sunday, February 1, 2026, and Sunday, February 8, 2026, we will gather for our 9:15 AM traditional service in the Fellowship Hall. The service will include traditional music, with the choir participating. We will have our coffee fellowship as usual in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 AM, followed by Revive worship at 11:00 AM. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to speak with our trustees: Scott Sundy (Chair), John Mickle, Russ Marburger, Mike DiMatteo, and Brian Weller. You may also speak with Beth Sider (Chair, Worship Committee), Ken Gable (Chair, Leadership Team), or Pastor Arun. We apologize for any inconvenience and appreciate your support and cooperation. We are especially grateful to Russ Marburger, who will help Trinity oversee this project.

Time	Experience	Location
9:15 AM	Traditional Service	Fellowship Hall
10:30 AM	Coffee Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
11:00 AM	Revive Worship	Fellowship Hall



Cross Talks

Lenten Breakfast
Conversations

Saturdays @ 8 AM

February 28

March 14

March 28

Open to all.
Use sign-up sheet or email to confirm.

TRINITY'S VISION RETREAT

Saturday, February 7 from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM at Christian Life Assembly in Camp Hill, PA

All leaders of ministries, small groups, and programs are kindly requested to attend our vision retreat. Your participation is very valuable. This retreat is open to all from the congregation. May we request that you confirm your participation by sending an email to office@trinityonbridge.com calling the church office, or entering your name on the sign-up sheet across from the mailboxes. Please include your lunch choice of a Chick-fil-a sandwich or salad.

Daily application questions:

1. How does today's reading help me to focus on the Lord?
2. What can I learn about the day's theme/ focus through this scripture?
3. Is there a promise, command or example that inspires me?
4. Do I need to change something to stay "Focused for the One"?

Date	Theme	Scripture	Encouragement
Feb 1	Costly Worship	John 12:1–8	Worship transforms through sacrifice.
Feb 2	Costly Worship	Luke 10:38–42	Choose Jesus above all else.
Feb 3	Costly Worship	Mark 14:3–9	Love for Jesus endures forever.
Feb 4	Costly Worship	Psalm 27:1–10	Strength is found in God's presence.
Feb 5	Costly Worship	Colossians 3:12–17	Worship shaped by peace & gratitude.
Feb 6	Costly Worship	Psalm 63:1–8	God alone truly satisfies our souls.
Feb 7	Costly Worship	Romans 12:1–8	Be a living sacrifice to God.
Feb 8	In God's Laundry	Matthew 21:12–17	Invite Jesus to cleanse your heart.
Feb 9	In God's Laundry	John 2:13–22	Renew zeal for holy worship.
Feb 10	In God's Laundry	Psalm 51:10–17	Ask God for a clean heart.
Feb 11	In God's Laundry	Isaiah 1:16–20	God makes us clean and new.
Feb 12	In God's Laundry	1 Peter 1:13–21	Live holy, set apart for God.
Feb 13	In God's Laundry	2 Corinthians 7:1–10	Repent & renew through godly sorrow.
Feb 14	In God's Laundry	Titus 2:11–15	God's grace teaches godly living. ☐
Feb 15	Pride and Prejudice	Matthew 21:23–32	Embrace humility & receive God's grace.
Feb 16	Pride and Prejudice	Luke 18:9–14	God honors humility but rejects pride.
Feb 17	Pride and Prejudice	Matthew 15:1–11	Let your heart be pure.
Feb 18	Pride and Prejudice	Micah 6:6–8	Walk humbly, love mercy, please God.
Feb 19	Pride and Prejudice	James 4:6–10	Receive grace through humble surrender.
Feb 20	Pride and Prejudice	Proverbs 3:1–12	Trust God to guide your path.
Feb 21	Pride and Prejudice	Philippians 2:1–11	Be humble & love selflessly like Christ.
Feb 22	Sin's Slippery Slope	Matthew 26:23–30	Guard your heart against compromise.
Feb 23	Sin's Slippery Slope	Matthew 26:47–50	Jesus shows compassion in betrayal.
Feb 24	Sin's Slippery Slope	John 13:21–30	Choose God, draw near, avoid sin.
Feb 25	Sin's Slippery Slope	Psalm 51:1–9	God's mercy forgives all failures.
Feb 26	Sin's Slippery Slope	1 John 1:5–10	Repent & walk in God's grace.
Feb 27	Sin's Slippery Slope	Romans 8:31–39	Nothing separates us from God's love.
Feb 28	Sin's Slippery Slope	Hebrews 4:14–16	God gives mercy & helps freely.

CEILING/FLOOR by Jamie Bream, Contemporary Worship Leader

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.
Hebrews 11:1

One of the best (and I use that term loosely) aspects of using the free version of Spotify is the element of randomness; you never know what song will play next. While the songs generally remain within the same genre, Spotify seemingly disregards your specific preferences, instead playing what it determines you need to hear. This often allows me to discover tracks that are just as well-written and produced as mainstream radio hits, but are not necessarily featured on mainstream stations. Recently, I came across a song titled "Ceiling/Floor", which contains the following lyrics in its bridge:

*Lord we believe You want to release more
Let the ceiling of our faith become the floor*

What do those two lines mean to you? For me, these lines mean that we should continually try to go beyond the limits of what we believe. Instead of seeing our strongest beliefs as the final ceiling, we should use them as a starting point to keep growing. It's about having the courage to trust in the things we cannot yet prove or see, and using that trust as a foundation to build upon. One of my goals for 2026 is to pray more consistently, and I believe this will be the start of transforming my current belief ceiling into my new belief floor. Even without seeing proof, I have confidence my faith will deepen its roots and expand its ceiling, as long as my hope aligns with God's will.

Ultimately, embracing this perspective allows us to step into the assurance found in Hebrews 11:1, building a life not bound by the limits of our current sight, but secure in the limitless potential of God's will. By continually seeking to turn our ceilings into floors, we ensure that our faith remains a dynamic, ever-expanding journey rooted in confident hope and trust.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday begins the Lenten season. The Ash Wednesday service, will be held on February 18th, at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary. (This will follow the period we need to worship in the Fellowship Hall due to the sanctuary ceiling and wall restoration.) At the Ash Wednesday service, the ministers will offer the imposition of ashes and the Chancel Choir, led by Andrew Meade, will lead in worship.

THANK YOU, DIANNE SCHOFIELD.

For many years, Dianne coordinated the individual Christmas Eve candles at Trinity, making our Silent Night singing with candles special for everyone. She prepared and stored the candles each year and managed all the details even when we used battery-operated ones. After Christmas 2025, Dianne has requested to step down from this role. Thank you, Dianne, for your faithful service. We are grateful to Jeff and Charlotte Wagoner for taking on this responsibility going forward.

NOTES FROM THE ORGAN BENCH by Andrew Meade, Director of Traditional Music

Wow, it seems like Christmas just ended, but suddenly we are racing toward Ash Wednesday, Lent, and beyond that, the glory of Easter! People approach the Lenten season in various ways. Some really appreciate the atmosphere of reflection, repentance, and self-denial, while others find it all too dull and depressing and can't wait for the "happy stuff" to return at Easter. No matter where you find yourself on that spectrum, I encourage you to use this Lenten season to explore the opposite perspective and consider why some folks think differently about Lent than you do.

If you are a person who really focuses on the Lenten disciplines, please remember that you can fast, reflect, and repent while still radiating the joy of Christ to those around you. In many traditions, Sundays are not considered a part of Lent but are "little Easters" which allow us to temporarily step out of the Lenten season and look ahead to the celebration of Easter. It's okay to be happy during Lent! On the other hand, if you usually find yourself dreading Lent, I challenge you to consider the value of slowing down, giving something up, and finding areas of repentance in your life. However, Lent is not just about giving things up. It is also an opportunity to add to your spiritual life with more prayer, more scripture, and more acts of service. There are always special worship opportunities here at Trinity during this season - Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday - and I encourage you to attend these as a way to experience Lent more deeply. As a musician, I so appreciate the wealth of beautiful and profound music written specifically for these occasions, and I invite you to make these services a priority in your Lenten Journey this year!

As always, we welcome new participants of all ages in Trinity's music program. If you play an instrument or enjoy singing, please reach out to me at any time. Singers are warmly invited to join the chancel choir on a temporary basis during the run-up to Easter. We will also be continuing our monthly orchestra program, so if you play an instrument and haven't spoken to me, please do! In addition, I would like to gauge interest in reviving the "Sing and Celebrate" choir - perhaps as a weekday offering. If you were a part of that group in the past and would be interested in bringing it back, please reach out to the church office or directly to me.



MIDDAY PRAYER & PRAISE

THIRTY MINUTES TO RECHARGE YOUR FAITH!

WEDNESDAYS @ 12 PM

IN PERSON AND ONLINE @TRINITYONBRIDGE.COM

SMALL GROUP LENTEN SERIES: UPDATE FROM BISHOP PAULINE

As you are aware, we previously announced that our Small Group Lenten Series would follow Max Lucado's "Lessons from John." However, our Small Group Lenten Series will now feature Pastor Arun's "Faces On the Way to the Cross: Insights for Living."

Inspired during his recent trip to India, Pastor Arun created a workbook that offers notes about each character, space for sermon ideas, and pages for personal reflection. In addition, discussion notes will be available for our use in the Lenten series of home and small group gatherings. For those who might miss worshiping with us or being online, we will have a video resource available. Every Monday, a video of the week's sermon will be posted on Trinity's YouTube and Facebook pages for individuals or groups to watch as needed.

We hope this series blesses you deeply. Please bring your workbooks to church each Sunday to take notes. If you attend online or are not a regular at Trinity, you can request a copy; they are available for anyone joining our small groups. Small group leaders, feel free to reach out to me with any questions. May the Lord bless you, even as you pursue Him through your study of His Word in the fellowship of fellow-believers.

Register now by using the sign-up sheet across the mailboxes, calling us at 717-774-7146 or by sending an e-mail to office@trinityonbridge.com

*Thank
You*

Dear Church Family, Thank you so much for all the kindnesses you have shown Grover & me over this past month. I am slowly but surely healing from my surgery. My incision is taking a while to heal completely. My doctor says - it's part of getting older! Your prayers, phone calls, visits, food and get-well wishes are all appreciated. With special thanks to Pastor Arun, Barbara and our Trinity Church family. You are loved and appreciated! Grover & Mary Herr

SECRET SISTERS: VALENTINE'S CELEBRATION

February 21 @ 10:00 AM

The December 20, Secret Sisters Annual Reveal meeting & luncheon had a large turnout. The lesson presented was "Oozing Joy as a Christian"; also included were prayers for Sisters, family, friends, and church members. Each Secret Sister was revealed for 2025. We enjoyed conversation, games, fellowship, & brunch, which was catered by Olive Garden. Each Sister received a pink Secret Sister shirt with the program logo created by Luis Cassel. New Secret Sisters were selected for 2026 at the January 17 meeting, but the program remains open to new members. Contact Vicky Forman at 717-623-6568 for more details.



THE JOY OF WORSHIP



CAITLIN'S SMILES

On the second Monday of each month, volunteers will meet from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM in the Mt. Olivet Room to decorate bags and cards and to prepare craft kits. Church members and friends of all ages are welcome! If you would like to volunteer, please use the sign-up sheet on the table across from the mailboxes. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Marburger at 717-542-3183 or smarburger@epix.net.



PRAY & GO
The Outreach Program for **EVERYONE**

FEBRUARY 16
@ 2:30 PM

Total of 1679 houses
have been prayed for.

Coordinator of Pray & Go:
Sharon Sheffer 717-774-3137
sesheffer@outlook.com

Trinity's Kids for Christ Ministry
New Heaven New Earth

Sundays at 11:00 AM
Welcoming grades 1-5!
Nursery available

Trinity Church, 415 Bridge Street, New Cumberland PA 17070 (717) 774-7951 www.trinityonbridge.com

STARFISH MINISTRIES: FEBRUARY 8 from 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Needs: disposable razors, travel size (shave cream, shampoo, conditioner, body lotion, toothpaste, mouth wash, hand sanitizer), toothbrushes and dental floss, OTC cold/flu meds and vitamins from Dollar Tree, deodorant and bar bath soap, hand/foot warmers, sleeping bags, heavy socks, men's NEW white T-shirts and boxer briefs.

STARFISH MINISTRIES



Contact Carol Crossley
for more information.

EYEGLASSES DONATIONS for 2025

Trinity Church turned in 60 pairs of eyeglasses to the Lions Club in 2025. Thanks to all who donated these important items. We will continue to accept donations in 2026; the donation box is located in the Narthex hallway.

WELCOME TO TRINITY.

We are so glad you chose to visit with us.

God bless you and your loved ones.

**We would love to see you again
and are here to serve you in the love of Jesus.**

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:15 - Adult Sunday School
9:15 - Traditional Worship
10:30 - Coffee Fellowship
11:00 - Revive Worship and
Children's Sunday School

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP?

If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact Pastor Arun or the church office for more information.

INTERESTED IN BAPTISM?

Our next immersion baptisms will take place on Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026, at the end of our 11:00 AM service. Participation includes attending a baptism preparation session and completing a brief personal baptism study handbook which will be provided. If you are interested in being baptized, please contact Pastor Arun for more information.

TRINITY'S MISSION STATEMENT

Trinity is a Christ-centered, Bible-believing, disciple-making, community-focused, caring church. We believe God's Word and love transform people and that the Gospel is the means of salvation from sin. Our mission is to celebrate, connect, and communicate God's love with individuals through an intergenerational and culturally diverse congregation. Relying on the Holy Spirit and prayer, we want to serve as a bridge to connect God's love story with our community locally and online.

DUTIES FOR FEBRUARY 2026

	9:15 GREETERS	11:00 GREETERS	USHERS
FEB 1	Millie Walters	Debra Copenhaver	Rex Hood, Daryl Potteiger, Jed Beshore, Mike DiMatteo, George Karnes
FEB 8	Kathy Wintermyer	Jean Ruth	George Karnes, Michelle Meckley, Jed Beshore, Gordon Taylor, John Mickle
FEB 15	Arlene MacMillan	Jeff Wakefield	Rex Hood, Scott Sundy, Jed Beshore, Barb & John Mickle
FEB 22	Brianna Mercier & Omar Delvalle	Russ & Sharon Marburger	Michelle Meckley, Jed Beshore, Kim & Jeff Wakefield, Mike DiMatteo
	WORSHIP LEADERS	9:15 NURSERY	11:00 NURSERY
FEB 1	Bishop Pauline Peifer	Jan Snyder, Vi Humphrey	To be determined
FEB 8	Mike DiMatteo	Jan Snyder, Betty Caboot	Sandra Williams, Vi Humphrey
FEB 15	Angel Snyder	Jan Snyder, Tracey Williams	Jane Gable, Melissa St Cyr
FEB 22	John Mickle	Jan Snyder, Dianne Schofield	Jan Ocamb

MEMORIES AND A PRAYER

by Nihal Andrews

Growing up, my father's trips away always carried mixed emotions. My father traveled about 150 days a year as a itinerant preacher between the years 2007 and 2014. I missed his presence deeply, yet I waited with quiet excitement, knowing his return would bring something special. I would stand by the door, watching for the glow of headlights as his taxi turned onto our street from the airport.

Even though we didn't have much, my father always made sure my mother, sister, and I felt remembered. He maximized every gift—not in cost, but in care. To a child, that kind of love made waiting worthwhile.

Recently, my father traveled again to visit his parents. When he returned, he brought chocolates, and my grandfather had sent me a watch with him. That moment stirred memories of childhood waiting and gently drew my heart toward a deeper reflection.

It made me ask myself: Do I wait on God in the same way?

As children, waiting comes naturally when love and expectation are present. But as adults, we often rush past stillness. What if we approached our time with God—our devotions, our prayers, our quiet moments—with the same anticipation I once felt waiting for my father to return?

Our Heavenly Father may not always give us immediate, tangible gifts. Instead, He offers something far greater: His presence, His guidance, and answers that arrive in His perfect timing. Waiting on Him is not passive—it is an act of trust.

Prayer:

Lord, give me a heart that longs for You. Teach me to wait with patience, expectation, and childlike faith. Help me to desire time with You more than the answers I seek. Amen.

“I waited patiently for the LORD; He inclined to me and heard my cry.” Psalm 40:1

CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Communion Sunday	2 6 PM Youth After School Study Time	3	4 12 PM Mid Week Worship 6 PM Youth Group	5 10 AM So N' Sews 10:30 AM Celebrate from Heart & Spirit Bible Study	6	7 9:30 AM Vision Retreat
8 12 PM Starfish Ministry	9 6 PM Caitlin's Smiles 6 PM Youth After School Study Time	10	11 12 PM Mid Week Worship 6 PM Youth Group	12 10:30 AM Celebrate from Heart and Spirit Bible Study	13	14 TIDINGS DEADLINE
15 12:30 PM Grandparents Prayer Buddies lunch	16 2:30 PM Pray & Go 6 PM Youth After School Study Time	17	18 12 PM Mid Week Worship 6 PM Youth Group 7 PM Ash Wednesday Service	19 9:30 AM Love Boxes 10 AM So N' Sews 10:30 AM Celebrate from Heart & Spirit Bible Study	20	21 10 AM Secret Sisters
22 10:45 AM Grandparents in Prayer 6 PM Leadership Team Mtg 6 PM Youth After School Study Time	23 24	25	26 12 PM Mid Week Worship 6 PM Youth Group	27	28 8 AM Cross Talks: Lenten Breakfast	

LENTEN SMALL GROUP STUDIES BEGIN WEEK OF FEBRUARY 16

REMINDER ABOUT GIFT CARDS

This is a reminder that you can purchase Giant, Weis, and Karns gift cards from the church office to give as gifts or for your own use. We have them in \$100, \$50 and \$25 denominations. Trinity Church benefits by receiving 5% of the proceeds for each card you purchase. We would be happy to receive your order by phone, letter, or email in the church office. We will mail them to you, and you can pay by check through the mail if you are unable to visit the office during the week. Matt Ickler also sells cards at Coffee Fellowship on Sundays. We thank each of you for the many generous ways in which you support the Lord's ministry at Trinity.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Feb 1	Gabriella Martinez	Feb 4	Mary Dimm	Feb 16	Charlotte Wagoner
Feb 1	George McClure	Feb 10	Sara Drabenstadt	Feb 17	Yuliana Martinez
Feb 2	Glenn Ocambo	Feb 13	Terry Bowen	Feb 19	Keven Mathews
Feb 2	Nehara Andrews	Feb 13	Kaylynn Snyder	Feb 19	Donna Ratulowski
Feb 3	Rachel Arnold	Feb 16	Joyce Klinger	Feb 20	Joann Rodriguez

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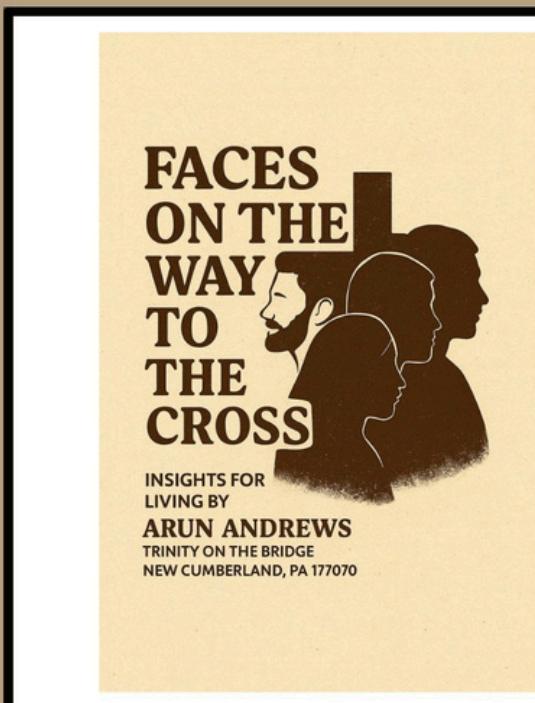
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Please submit articles for the March 2026 Trinity Tidings by **February 13th**.



Small Group Lenten Series

February 16 - March 23

Groups will meet in the same homes with the same leaders and locations as you did in the fall. If you were not in a group last fall and would like to join, please contact Pauline Peifer.