



Tidings: Trinity on Bridge

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Sharing God's love story since 1873

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March 2026 Faces on the way to the Cross



My Dear Friend,

I love the way you love Jesus. Thank you for how you love His Word.

From time to time, I have had discussions with individuals in our congregation about sharing the gospel. Some of you have told me that you genuinely want to share the gospel but don't know how to do it. Others have mentioned that you want to share the gospel, but it unnerves you to take the first step. Here's the good news: we don't need much to make a difference in people's lives. All God needs is willing hearts who will put Him first, trust His Word, love people, and share His Good News.

Yes, it's that simple.

Think about it. Mega church buildings never saved a soul. Big music stages never saved a soul. Great church music, whether traditional or contemporary, never saved a soul. The church's most generous free food, lodging, and charitable acts never saved a soul. Great preachers never saved a soul. Yes, that is true. Only God can save souls. We are saved by grace through faith in Jesus and His sacrifice for our sins upon the cross of Calvary. Period. There is no Baptist Gospel, Methodist Gospel, Presbyterian Gospel, Assemblies of God Gospel, Trinity on Bridge Gospel and so on. There is only one Gospel—the Great Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We can be soul-winners, but not soul-savers.

The apostle Paul got it right when he wrote, "I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow." 1 Corinthians 3:16.

We are instruments in the hands of a very experienced God. He has been in the business of changing lives for a very long time. All we need to do is trust and obey Him. “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” Matthew 4:19

This Lenten season, you and I can say, “Lord, please help me to follow you faithfully and proclaim your love humbly. Use even me to draw hearts to you. I can never save them, but I can point them to you. In Jesus’ name. Amen.”

May the Lord be pleased to hear our humble prayer.
Arun

2026 THEME: FOR THE ONE.

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

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

PALM SUNDAY AND HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday, the last Sunday of March, leads us into Holy Week. Join together in raising your palm as we declare, “Hosanna to the King of Kings.”

Maundy Thursday communion service will be on Thursday, April 2nd at 7 PM. This will be altar rail communion. Good Friday service will be a Tenebrae service and also will begin at 7 PM.

BAPTISMS

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.

PRAYER FOCUS FOR MARCH

Pray that Trinity’s new website and app will become an effective online bridge to reach hearts for Jesus, offering members and guests a welcoming, easy-to-use, and spiritually refreshing experience. We hope to announce the website launch soon, with the app to follow.



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.

**Everyone is welcome. This is not a program for men alone.
It's for families and individuals - for men, women and youth.**

Date	Topic	Anchor
February 28	The cross and Empathy	Rev. Arun Andrews
March 14	The cross and The Hope We Have	Rev. Ken Ross
March 28	The cross and Forgiveness	Bishop Pauline Peifer

TRINITY'S 2026 VISION RETREAT

Our vision retreat was a wonderful day of fellowship. It began with inspiring and challenging remarks from our new Leadership Team chair, Ken Gable. Ken made his point using the illustration of a Global Positioning System and how we need to be faithful in taking cues from God. The underlying inspiration was to keep being faithful in the little things, and God will do the big things. Next, Arun led a brief devotion, sharing about the power of God's people coming together to refresh and renew lives, as seen in Acts 14:19-20. He thanked the Trinity family for their love and encouragement, which blessed the Andrews family in their cross-cultural journey in ministry. Bishop Pauline Peifer then led our main session, guiding us to seek "20/20 vision" through spiritual insights in a creative presentation. Afterwards, we broke into small groups to discuss ministry vision and positive opportunities; many excellent ideas were recorded. We also prayed together in small groups—a precious time. Later, we heard an interview-style conversation with two ministry leaders at Trinity: Vicky Forman (Secret Sisters) and Barbara Hawk (Youth Ministry), which inspired and encouraged us. Lunch from Chick-fil-A followed. We appreciate Christian Life Assembly for hosting and Jamie Bream for coordinating the location.

After the retreat, Ken Gable and Bishop Pauline stressed the need to follow up on the vision ideas received. Bishop Pauline will lead the vision team in developing recommendations. We invite everyone to pray, share ideas with Bishop Pauline, as we prayerfully discern which initiatives God is calling us to pursue. Nearly 35 attended on February 7, 2026. Thank you all—God is at work. Come, Holy Spirit, come.



MARCH 2026 BIBLE READING PLAN: FACES ON THE WAY TO THE CROSS

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
03/01/2026	Peter's Calling	Luke 5:1–11	Answer Jesus courageously.
03/02/2026	Walking on Water	Matthew 14:22–33	Focus on Jesus.
03/03/2026	Confession of Faith	Matthew 16:13–20	Speak faith boldly.
03/04/2026	Prediction of Denial	Luke 22:31–34	Covered in prayer.
03/05/2026	Peter's Denial	Luke 22:54–62	The pain of denial.
03/06/2026	Restoration by Jesus	John 21:15–19	Restored in love.
03/07/2026	Empowered by the Spirit	Acts 2:1–12	The Spirit transforms
03/08/2026	Pilate Faces Jesus	John 18:28–40	Stand for truth.
03/09/2026	Crowd Pressure	John 19:1–12	Crowd-pleaser? God-pleaser?
03/10/2026	Pilate's Dilemma	John 19:13–16	Choose integrity.
03/11/2026	Washing Hands	Matthew 27:15–26	Own your actions.
03/12/2026	Warning from Pilate's Wife	Matthew 27:11–19	Heed God's warnings.
03/13/2026	Jesus Silent Before Pilate	John 19:7–11	Strength in silence.
03/14/2026	Ultimate Authority	John 19:12–16	Trust God's authority.
03/15/2026	Simon Called to Carry	Mark 15:16–26	Blessings come unexpectedly.
03/16/2026	Serving Unwillingly	Matthew 27:27–38	Service can be sacred.
03/17/2026	The Weight of the Cross	Luke 23:26–33	Jesus walks with you.
03/18/2026	Faithful in Trials	James 1:2–12	Endure and grow.
03/19/2026	Helping Others Carry	Galatians 6:1–10	Support each other.
03/20/2026	God's Purpose in Pain	Romans 8:18–28	Pain has purpose.
03/21/2026	Hope Beyond Suffering	2 Corinthians 4:7–18	Hope endures.
03/22/2026	Two Criminals	Luke 23:32–43	Grace is always available.
03/23/2026	Repentance	Psalms 51:1–12	God hears your prayer.
03/24/2026	Promise of Paradise	John 14:1–11	Find peace in Jesus.
03/25/2026	Faith in Desperation	Mark 5:21–34	Faith brings healing.
03/26/2026	God's Amazing Grace	Ephesians 2:1–10	Grace is a gift.
03/27/2026	Prayer That Saves	Romans 10:8–17	Call on Jesus.
03/28/2026	Paradise Assured	Revelation 21:1–8	Hope in God's promise.
03/29/2026	The Triumphal Entry	Matthew 21:1–11	Welcome Jesus daily.
03/30/2026	Understanding the Messiah	John 12:12–22	Trust God's plan.
03/31/2026	True Worship	Psalms 24:1–10	Worship God for who He is.

TWO CHOICES, ONE FUTURE by Jamie Bream, Contemporary Worship Leader

Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it. Matthew 7:13-14 (NIV)

In his book *Unreasonable Hospitality*, restaurateur Will Guidara asks a striking question: “What would you attempt to do if you knew you could not fail?”. Reflecting on my own life, I realize the paths I chose—and those I avoided—shaped my current reality. While the Phineas and Ferb episode "Primal Perry" features an "Infinite Probability Generator" that allows characters to experience every possible outcome simultaneously, real life offers no such luxury. Instead of seeing every outcome, we must rely on a roadmap for intentional living found in the decisive moments of the Book of Joshua.

The Book of Joshua illustrates how individual choices carry profound consequences. For instance, Rahab’s decision to protect the Israeli spies in Joshua 2 saved her life, while Achan’s choice to steal forbidden treasure in Joshua 7 resulted in tragedy for his entire family. Even Joshua faced the weight of his decisions in Joshua 9, where failing to seek God's guidance led to an unintended alliance with the Gibeonites. Reflecting on these lessons, Joshua concluded his life with a powerful ultimatum: “If serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve... but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord” (Joshua 24:15). This ancient declaration provides a clear anchor, teaching us that our most significant choice is whom we decide to serve.

During a recent meeting with our Revive Worship Ministry, I presented Guidara’s question alongside a discussion on intentionality. I challenged our team to realize that if a passion is significant enough to pursue without fear of failure, they should—provided it aligns with God’s will—take the leap. By adopting the intentionality Joshua modeled, we move beyond asking 'what would we do' and begin defining who we will be. As Jesus teaches in Matthew 7, we must actively choose to follow His will; the life He calls us to won’t simply happen on its own. Refuse to let your intentions remain mere thoughts; instead, step through the narrow gate today and let your life be a living declaration of whom you serve. Align your heart with the Master’s will, and you will find that the only attempt that truly cannot fail is the one made in total service to Him.

PREPARING THE SANCTUARY FOR RESTORATION AND SERVICES

Prior to the restoration work in the sanctuary, a team came in and removed things in the chancel area such as the paraments and Bibles, kneeling and seat cushions, and things in the sanctuary such as the Bibles and hymnals, the banners, and the literature in the individual pew racks. The same group came and put them back to prepare for the Sanctuary service on February 15th. Thank you to the team of willing volunteers: Donna Speelman, Allyn Litzelman, Paula Taylor, Jane Gable, Debra Copenhaver, Rich Jones and Beth Sider. Thank you to the trustees, and especially Russ Marburger, for all of their work in cleaning such things as the pew cushions and red velvet drape hanging in the front of the sanctuary.

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

As many of you know, I am Canadian and my parents still live up there in Fredericton, New Brunswick. I want to say a huge "thank you" to everyone who so kindly wrote cards for me to take to them when I visited in mid-February. They were touched by your thoughtfulness and were very grateful to receive so many encouraging messages. I truly appreciate it!

If you attended our Ash Wednesday service or the 9:15 service on February 22, you may have been caught off guard by the use of a different tune for the Doxology. We typically sing the Doxology to a tune entitled, "Old Hundredth", which was written in the mid 1500s - about five centuries ago! The new tune we will be using during Lent is called "Fairhill", and was written in the 1970s by Jimmy Owens, an early pioneer of the Contemporary Christian Music movement. It is a beautiful, singable melody that is a bit more mellow than the traditional "Old Hundredth" tune and will provide a reflective atmosphere for this important moment in our worship service during the Lenten season. I hope you enjoy learning this new piece of music, and I pray that it allows you to think anew about the historic and profound expression of praise found in the Doxology:

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*



MIDDAY PRAYER & PRAISE

THIRTY MINUTES TO RECHARGE YOUR FAITH!

WEDNESDAYS @ 12 PM

IN PERSON AND ONLINE @ TRINITYONBRIDGE.COM

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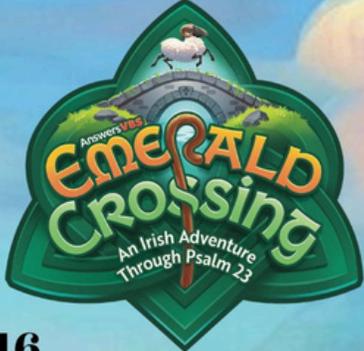
Join us on March 10th for the Lenten Sunnier Side of Sixty lunch and service. The lunch is 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall. We all enjoy fellowshiping together in this time around the tables. Please make a lunch reservation with Mary Herr or through the church office.

The 1:15 service will feature music from Andrew Meade, traditional music director, and God's word from Rev. Ken Ross, preacher. Communion will be served to each in their seats. Special thanks to Jane Gable, communion steward; Mary and Grover Herr and Jeff and Charlotte Wagoner, greeters and ushers; Jamie Bream, media technician; and all retired pastors who assist.

**TRINITY CHURCH OF NEW CUMBERLAND PENNSYLVANIA
LEADERSHIP TEAM FOR 2026**

Ken Gable, Chairperson
 Janice Ocamb, Vice-Chairperson
 Barbara Zimmerman, Lay leader
 Bob Rosenthal, Chair, Finance
 Gordon Taylor, Finance member
 Beth Sider, Chair, Staff Parish
 Joshua Kanakaraj, Staff Parish member
 Scott Sundy, Chair, Trustees
 John Mickle, Trustee
 Russ Marburger, Trustee
 Mike DiMatteo, Trustee
 Brian Weller, Trustee
 Michelle Meckley, Member-at-large
 Rev. Arun Andrews, Ex-officio member

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.”



Trinity's VBS 2026
June 22 - June 26
5:00 - 8:15 PM
FREE Dinner included
K - grade 12
Register at trinityonbridge.com or 717-774-7146

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New Cumberland, PA

SECRET SISTERS: EASTER CELEBRATION

MARCH 21 @ 10:00 AM

We are looking forward to Spring and celebrating an early Easter together! Our project will be a simple bunny craft, and we will enjoy a time of worship, fellowship, door prizes, and a sweet treat. Please RSVP by March 18th by calling or texting Vicky at 717-623-6568.



CAITLIN'S SMILES

On the second Monday of each month, volunteers will meet from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall 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

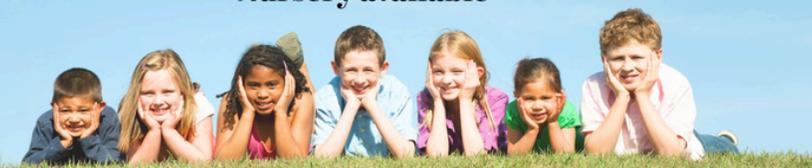
MARCH 16
@ 2:30 PM

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
He is Risen!

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



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

Needs: backpacks, disposable razors, travel size shave cream, OTC meds, cough drops, deodorant and foot powder, gently used sweat pants for men and women are urgent! We have been busier at Starfish so far in 2026 than we ever have. The snow and bitter weather has caused extreme emergencies which we are trying to deal with. Your prayers and donations are so essential and appreciated to keep this ministry alive and thriving. Thank you to Trinity's Youth who served at our February outreach in unbelievably cold temps!

STARFISH MINISTRIES



Contact Carol Crossley
for more information.

PRAYER BUDDIES PARTY

The Grandparents in Prayer were excited to spend time with their youth Prayer Buddies in a party on February 15th. The young people are ones who attend services or youth group at Trinity. Young people are able to enter the program when reaching grade seven. Currently we support twenty-four young people with our prayers. We share gifts with them at special times during the year and attend special functions they are a part of. When they graduate from high school we continue to support them in various ways. If you know a young person between grades 7 and 12 at Trinity who does not have a Prayer Buddy and would like one, please contact Beth Sider.

YOUTH MINISTRY HOSTING MUSEUM OF THE BIBLE TRIP THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2026

Would you be interested to join us for a bus trip to the Museum of the Bible, Washington, DC. Depart Trinity at 6:30 AM, tour the museum, enjoy lunch and free time in DC, and return by 9:15 PM. A quick fast-food stop is planned on the way. Bring money for your own meals and snacks. The Museum of the Bible features interactive exhibits for all ages. It offers an immersive experience that brings the history, narrative, and impact of the Bible to life through interactive exhibits and artifacts. Need a scholarship? Contact Pastor Arun. Complete a registration form and waiver, email office@trinityonbridge.com, or call 717-774-7146. Questions? Contact Barbara Hawk.

Explore more at <https://www.museumofthebible.org>.

Bus trip: \$50/pp

Museum of the Bible (Adult): \$35/adult

Museum of the Bible (Youth): \$25/youth

To my Trinity friends. There will be a live performance of the Passion Play, presented by the Valley of Harrisburg (The Masons) on Sunday March 22 at 3 pm. Admission is free and all are welcome. The play will be presented in the auditorium of the Masonic Temple, 2701 N 3rd. Street, Harrisburg PA. Thank you, John Mickle

I would like to thank Pastor Arun for his hospital visit to me on his return from India, Barbara Z. for her card and phone calls, cards from the congregation and everyone's prayers. I had a rough time with my hip replacement beginning with surgery 12/8 and a second procedure 2/16. Everything was greatly appreciated and I am blessed to be a member of the Trinity Family. Thank you to everyone. In Christian Love, Pat Hocker

*Thank
You*

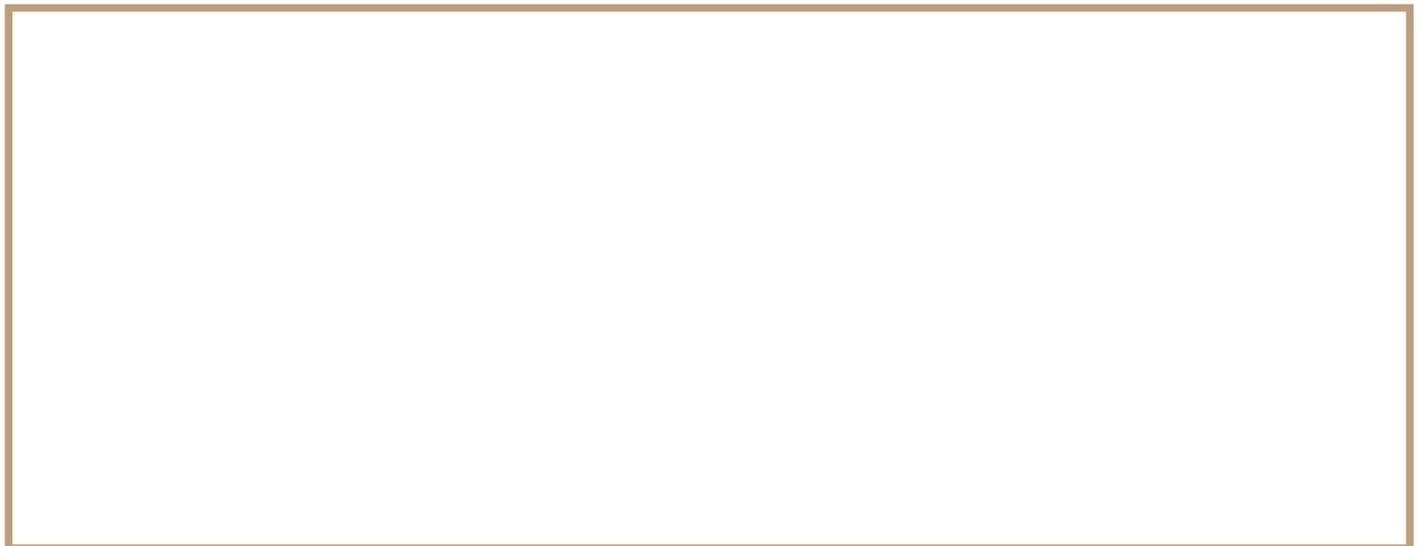
Thank you for all the cards and prayers for Doris Bernardo on her recovering from a fall. The cards were greatly appreciated and so was the love that was sent.

DUTIES FOR MARCH 2026

	9:15 GREETERS	11:00 GREETERS	USHERS
MARCH 1	Millie Walters	Russ & Cristin Haley	Rex Hood, Daryl Potteiger, Michelle Meckley, Mike DiMatteo, George Karnes
MARCH 8	Mary Dimm	Ken & Jane Gable	Rex Hood, Gordon Taylor, Jed Beshore, Matt Ickler, Michelle Meckley
MARCH 15	Kathy & Larry Miller	Tom & Cindy Bailey	Michelle Meckley, Matt Ickler, Barb & John Mickle, Mike DiMatteo
MARCH 22	Sandy & John Williams	Sue Grubb	Rex Hood, George Karnes, Jeff & Kim Wakefield, Scott Sundy
MARCH 29	Michelle Meckley	Missi St. Cyr	Gordon Taylor, George Karnes, Jeff & Kim Wakefield, Scott Sundy
	WORSHIP LEADERS	9:15 NURSERY	11:00 NURSERY
MARCH 1	Rev. Raymond Brooks	Jan Snyder, Betty Caboot	TBD
MARCH 8	Linda Young	Jan Snyder, Vi Humphrey	Melissa St Cyr, Sandra Williams
MARCH 15	Kaylynn Snyder	Jan Snyder, Dianne Schofield	Jane Gable, Charlotte Wagoner
MARCH 22	Michelle Meckley	Jan Snyder, Dianne Schofield	TBD
MARCH 29	Michelle Meckley	Jan Snyder, Nina Stoner	Jan Ocamb, Charlotte Wagoner

REMINDER ABOUT GIFT CARDS

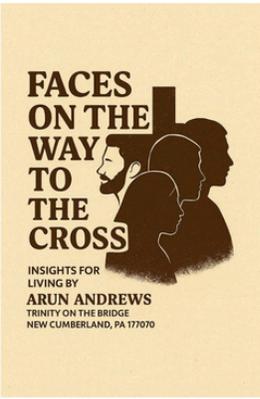
This is a reminder that you can purchase Giant, Weis, and Karns gift cards from the church office to give as gifts or for your own use. We have them in \$100, \$50 and \$25 denominations. Trinity Church benefits by receiving 5% of the proceeds for each card you purchase. We would be happy to receive 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.



CALENDAR FOR MARCH 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: Cancelled until further notice.	6	7
8 12 PM Starfish Ministry	9 10:45 AM Grandparents in Prayer 6 PM Caitlin's Smiles 6 PM Youth After School Study Time	10	11 12 PM Mid Week Worship 6 PM Youth Group	12	13 TIDINGS DEADLINE	14 8 AM Cross Talks: Lenten Breakfast
15	16 2:30 PM Pray & Go 6 PM Youth After School Study Time	17	18 12 PM Mid Week Worship 6 PM Youth Group	19 9:30 AM Love Boxes 10 AM So N' Sews	20 10 AM Secret Sisters set up	21 10 AM Secret Sisters
22	23 10:45 AM Grandparents in Prayer 6 PM Leadership Team Mtg 6 PM Youth After School Study Time	24	25 12 PM Mid Week Worship 6 PM Youth Group	26	27	28 8 AM Cross Talks: Lenten Breakfast
29 HOLY WEEK Palm Sunday	30 6 PM Youth After School Study Time	31				

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



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.



Dated Material

**FORWARDING SERVICE
REQUESTED**



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

EASTER FLOWER ORDERS

We will be decorating the church with flowers for Easter again this year.

Orders are due in the church office, along with your cash or check made payable to Trinity Church (showing "Easter Flowers" in the memo) by March 22nd. The cost is \$13.00 each. Please put the number of each type of flower that you wish to order in the space provided.

If you are planning to take your flowers, they should be taken home on Easter Sunday.

Tulip: _____ Daffodil: _____ Easter Lily: _____

_____ In Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

_____ In Honor of: _____

Given by: _____

_____ In Honor of a Homebound/Senior Member (A lily will be distributed by the Homebound Team.)

Given by: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Total # of flowers: _____ Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ Cash _____ Check _____

