

APRIL 2017

Trinity Times



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are forgetful creatures. I once visited a house and a sign hung upon their hutch that said, “Now what did I come in here for?” Now that I am forty, (no snickering please), I have begun to find myself having more of these moments. Like for example, I went into my basement looking for a Philips screwdriver. I went to my workbench, looked through one toolbox unsuccessfully, rooted through the second toolbox also unsuccessfully, moved the toolboxes and rifled through the items on top of the tool bench, with no luck. After about fifteen minutes of moving things around, I remembered that my screwdriver was not here, but on top of the refrigerator. After a moment of great pride at having remembered where I put my screwdriver, the air went out of me as I had forgotten why I needed the screwdriver in the first place. We are forgetful creatures.

Perhaps then the words, *do this in remembrance of me*, become a little more poignant considering our forgetfulness. If we can forget our tasks, our anniversaries, our shopping lists, and our keys, and our phones, then surely, we run the risk of forgetting the crucifixion of Jesus Christ our Lord. Jesus seems all together wise in giving us the Lord’s Supper to celebrate regularly, not to be an annoyance making services run longer, because perhaps he knew that in his absence; we were going to forget.

Oh, we truly don’t forget Christ, or his sacrifice, but we do perhaps allow something else to take his place in our long list of priorities. Over the course of the Church year, many things and ideas and beliefs and practices seem to take our time and attention. Whether it be the Christmas season, or the summer season, or Mother’s Day or Father’s Day, or Memorial Day or any other day. These important things all too often become primary in our minds and we find that the death of Christ has been moved from in front of our face to somewhere off to the side in our peripheral vision.

Perhaps then Jesus knew what he was doing, by instituting Communion, the giving over of his body to be broken and the pouring out of his blood. By celebrating communion, Jesus’ death once again takes its rightful place right smack dab in our faces. No longer to the side, but right in front. No longer second or third on the priority list, but first. No longer forgotten behind Church functions needing planned, or repairs to be done, but in front of all those things.

In this season of Easter, let us do a little remembering of what truly is most important in our lives together. Let us remember the giving over of Jesus that we might go free. Let us remember Jesus going to death, willingly, so that we might come to life. Let us remember the cost of forgiveness, paid not in coins but in blood. Let us remember it all and put Christ back in Easter; in the place he truly deserves, right in front of our faces. *Do this in remembrance of me*, Jesus says. Here we are Lord, we still remember and we still believe!

In Christ,
Rev. Mark

Note from Session:

Here we are, half-way through Lent. Your church has been busy!

Rev. Mark is leading two Bible study classes each week. We are blessed to have scholarly interpretation of scripture from Rev. Mark. It is a revelation hearing the scriptures translated from Greek!

Elders and Deacons met jointly on March 15, enjoying dinner and conversation. There was discussion concerning duties and direction.

Your Session is leading prayerfully and with guidance from Rev. Mark. We are looking, with the assistance of the Property committee at upcoming needs for our church building.

Session will be working with Rev. Mark on creating guidelines and policies for baptisms, funerals, and marriages.

There is an Elder on Call for each month, as named in the weekly bulletin. That person will gladly listen to any questions, concerns, and joys you may have concerning Trinity.

Blessings,

Mary Belding, Clerk



Financial Information:

Income:	\$ 6,016.00
Expenses:	10,369.21
Feb. deficit	-4,353.21

faith and
finances

As you see, our expenses exceed our income. We predict a yearly deficit of -65,465.36. We will use our investments to keep our checkbook in balance.

The current pledges for this year are coming in regularly but our expenses are still there.

Total pledges for the year are \$56,720 but total income is estimated at \$64,755 and our expenses are estimated at \$130,220.36 for the year.

Hopefully, we can all do our part to keep those expenses down.

Also, don't forget to pay your per capita of \$29 per member.

If you would like a copy of the financials sheets they are always available in the office or contact me. My phone is 992-3950.

Lois J. Fassett
Treasurer

Christian Education:

The Christian Education Committee, with the assistance of Pastor Mark, have been looking for new ways to teach the children in their individual styles of learning. Teachers will begin using "The 7 Styles of Learning" to determine which teaching /learning style best fits each child.

The 7 styles are: 1. **Visual** (spatial); 2. **Solitary** (intrapersonal); **Aural** (auditory-musical); **Social** (interpersonal); **Verbal** (linguistic); **Physical** (kinesthetic); and **Logical** (mathematical). We feel that using these guidelines of the various styles will help us to better engage our students and make Sunday School a fun and interesting time while learning about Jesus Christ.

The Thursday Ladies would like to sponsor an Easter activity for the Children during Sunday School. We thank them for their support.

The children will again help with the garden by starting plants and then transplanting them once the warm weather is here.

The Christian Education Committee will host the Coffee Hour on May 7.

A special "thank you" to Kathy Depp and Becky Keefe for decorating our bulletin board.

REMINDER : Adult classes are Sundays at 9:15 am and Wednesdays at 10:00 am.

Jessie Smith

Note from the Eden Project:



Spring is upon us!

It is time to begin work in our gardens.

We will be adding a raised flower bed in front of the memorial benches that were donated by Beth and David Adams. If you are thinning out perennials, we will happily incorporate them into our "Friendship Garden".

The Sunday school classes will again be starting seeds for the garden. It is a delight watching little hands learn the joy of gardening.

We will also gladly accept any help in the garden. We have ten separate planting areas. Get a friend, and take charge of one of them! If your bones are not willing to bend and stoop, ask a couple of the young folks to do the work under your guidance. What a treat to grow food and relationships together!

Blessings, Joyce Kren and Mary Belding

Fellowship Committee:

Fellowship met on March 5th after Church. We decided to have an Easter Breakfast before Church. A Daughters Brunch is being planned and we are also planning a Pentecost/ All Sons Celebration. More information to follow.

We meet the first Sunday of the month after Church. If you would like to join us, please do.

In Christian Love,
Nancy Sabo



Stewardship Committee:

Through the One Great Hour of Sharing Program, Presbyterians share God's love by giving to ministries that provide relief for those affected by natural disasters, food for the hungry and support toward the self development of poor oppressed communities. These gifts will be divided into three needs:

- **32% Presbyterian Disaster Assistance**
- **36% Presbyterian Hunger Program**
- **32% Self Development of People**

This collection will be received during worship on April 9th.

New ideas for Stewardship will be forth coming. Rev. Mong will help guide a program which will emphasize that Stewardship is thanking God for giving us His Son. We should take our whole life and give it to God, trusting God for what we have. This will be a personal investment for each of us.

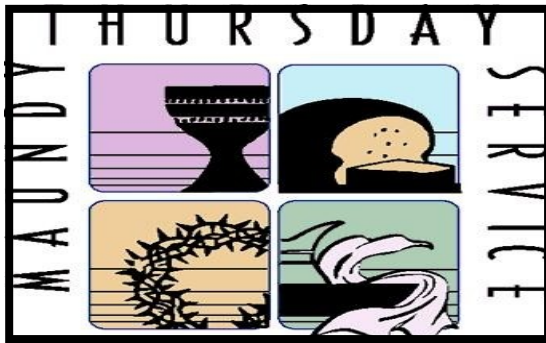
Respectfully submitted,
Susan Hogle



Trinity Book Club:

Trinity Book Club will meet Wednesday, April 26, 2017 at 6:00 pm at Hundley Cellars, 6451 Rt. 307 in Geneva to discuss the book *The Aviator's Wife* by Melanie Benjamin. The author combines fiction and history to tell the story of Charles Lindbergh and Anne Morrow Lindbergh relationship as husband and wife. Ginger Belding will lead the book discussion and Cheryle Chiaramonte will be hostess. RSVP to Pat Strock 992-7978.





**TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

**APRIL 13TH- 7:00 pm- Communion
Tenebrae Service**

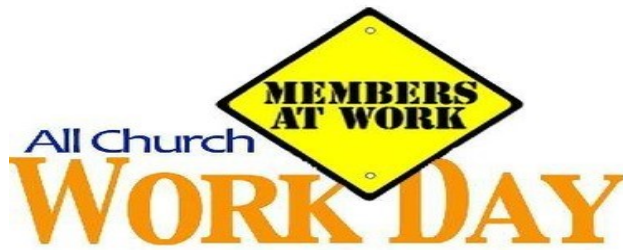


**Join us Easter Sunday
9:00 am-no charge**

Egg bakes, french toast casserole
and muffins. Coffee and juice will
also be provided.

Worship at 10:30 am

No coffee hour to follow worship.



SATURDAY, APRIL 8TH

9:00 AM UNTIL 2:00 PM

LUNCH PROVIDED



PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 9TH

**KIDS BRING YOUR FISH BOXES BACK!
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**



**BENEFITS THE LIONS CLUB
SCHOLARSHIP FUND!**

APRIL 22, 2017 TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TIME: 4:00 PM UNTIL 7:00 PM

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR

TICKETS \$8.00

**SAVE THE DATE;
ALL DAUGHTERS
LUNCHEON
MAY 13TH**



The family of Stephen Mochoskay

The family of Jack Kinney

Bess and Roger Dibble,

Jim Hakkarainen

Don Maginnis

Jean Waldron



NEXT NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE IS:
APRIL 24, 2017



ASHTABULA COUNTY CONCERTS OF PRAYER

The 2017 prayer breakfast is Friday May 5th will feature *Jerry Garcia*. Jerry is an evangelist who uses his music and testimony to spread the message of God's love and salvation. Jerry and his wife also express their faithfulness through the adoption of several special needs children.

In addition, time will be devoted to prayerful intervention on behalf of our county and its residents and services.

Join us for a morning worship, music and encouragement on loving the least of these...Matthew 25:40.

Tickets are \$12.00 each. This event is free to students. Please let Lynne know if you would like to attend by April 16..

Those of us who went last year encourage the entire Trinity family to attend. If you missed it, you missed a lot.

★ DID YOU KNOW? ★

There is no known cure for autism. However, early diagnosis and early behavioral-based interventions can help children to better develop the communication and social skills needed to improve their functional abilities.

Spread love and make them feel one among you all.



Rummage Sale

IT'S THAT TIME A YEAR AGAIN!!!

JUNE 3, 2017 FROM 10:00 UNTIL 3:00 PM

Please drop off items at the church (Hoyt Room) from 8:30 am until 12:30 pm.

If you need something picked up please call the church office or Kathy Depp 466-2267.

PLEASE SAVE....

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION (The container is located in the fellowship hall.)

COUPONS... IF YOU DON'T USE THEM, PLEASE SAVE THEM. (Container is located in the fellowship hall.)



April 2017

DEACON ON CALL: CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE

ELDER ON CALL: KATHY FASSETT 997-7490

LITURGIST: HOBART SHIFLET/PEG LADU (4-16)

USHERS: WALLACE TEAM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 COMMUNION 9:00 Choir 9:15 Adult Study 10:30 Worship/SS	3 LAST DAY TO ORDER EASTER LILYS	4 11:30 Game Day 8:00 Al-Anon	5 8:00 LENT BREAKFAST @ Peoples Baptist 10:00 Adult Study 6:30 Deacons Mtg. 6:30 Card Ministry	6 10:00 Prayer Group Thursday Ladies 4:30 – 6:30 FIA Dinner 6:30 Bell Practice 7:00 Transformation Mtg.	7	8 9:00—2:00 <u>Church Clean Up</u> <u>Day!</u>
9 PALM SUNDAY 9:00 Choir No Adult Study 10:30 Worship/SS	10	11 8:00 ROMEOS@ Deb's 8:00 Al-Anon	12 8:00 LENT BREAKFAST @ Peoples Baptist (last) NO ADULT STUDY	13 10:00 Prayer Group Thursday Ladies 7:00 Maundy Thursday <u>Communion/Tenebrae Service</u>	14 GOOD FRIDAY 10:00 Brown Bag Ladies	15
16 EASTER 9:00 am Breakfast OGHOS/2¢ a Meal offering 9:00 Choir No Adult Study 10:30 Worship/SS	17 Church Office Closed 6:30 CE Meeting	18 11:30 Game Day 8:00 Al-Anon	19 10:00 Adult Study 5:30 Comm. Outreach 6:30 Card Ministry 7:00 Session Meeting	20 10:00 Prayer Group Thursday Ladies 6:30 Bell Practice	21	22 EARTH DAY 4:00—7:00 pm <u>Lions Club</u> <u>Spaghetti Dinner</u>
23 9:00 Choir 9:15 Adult Study 10:30 Worship/SS Stewardship Meeting	24	25 8:00 Al-Anon	26 10:00 Adult Study 6:00 Book Club/ Hundley's 6:30 Card Ministry	27 10:00 Prayer Group Thursday Ladies 6:30 Bell Practice	28	29
30 9:00 Choir 9:15 Adult Study 10:30 Worship/SS E. Olson/Baptism						

