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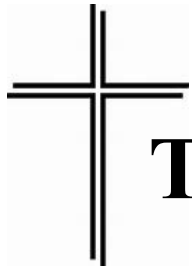
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**NEWSLETTER**



## Lenten Word Search

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Serving Others	Abstinence	Ash Wednesday	Cross
Crucifixion	Donate Money	Easter	Entry Into Jerusalem
Fasting	Fat Tuesday	Forty Days	Fourth Century
Give Up Something	Good Friday	Holy Season	Holy Week
Last Supper	Lent	Mardi Gras	Maundy Thursday
Meditation	Palm Sunday	Prayer	Reflection
Repentance	Resurrection	Reverence	Scripture
Sins	Volunteering		



# Trinity Times

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Each and every time we take a trip somewhere, we leave something behind. On our trip to Grandmas and Grandpas, we leave behind a comb or toothbrush. On our trip to the zoo, we leave behind sunscreen and sunglasses. On our trip to the grocery store, we leave behind those plastic bags we mean to recycle. Each and every time we go somewhere on a journey, we always leave something behind.

Just as we leave something behind going on a journey to the mall, so too do we leave something behind going on our Christian journey following Jesus Christ. But the things we leave behind are not combs or toothbrushes, sunscreen or sunglasses, or even plastic bags, the things we leave behind to follow Christ are quite different. When Jesus calls Peter to become a fellow fisher of people with him, the scriptures report that *when they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him* (Luke 5:11). They didn't leave a sweatshirt or a pair of jogging shoes behind, they left everything behind. They left their boats behind, they left their careers behind, they left their reputations behind, they left their old life behind and they even left their families behind in order to follow this Jesus who calls them.

To enter into a new partnership with Jesus who called them to share in his life and ministry, Peter had to leave behind the old life sitting on the docks. He had a new career catching people therefore everything in regards to catching fish had to be left behind. He had a new master, therefore everything in regards to his old master had to be left behind. He even had a new family, therefore everything in regards to his old family had to be left behind. In order to begin a new life with Christ, Peter had to leave behind everything regarding the old life behind. He just simply couldn't catch people while he was catching fish.

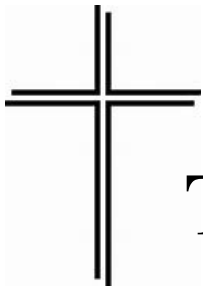
If we are to enter the new life and the new partnership with Jesus who also calls us to share in his life and ministry, we need to learn to leave behind our old life sitting on the docks. We are called to a new career serving God, therefore we must leave the old career serving ourselves behind. We are called to a new way of life loving and serving God, therefore we must leave the old way of life loving and serving ourselves behind. We are called to be a part of a new family of God, therefore we must leave the old family of the world behind. If we are to enter the new life of Christ, we must learn to leave the old life of sin and death behind.

The reality of our Christian journey is that we are stuck in the space between the old life of the world and the new life of Christ. We have one foot in the world and one foot in Christ. What we spend every moment of every day struggling with is the leaving the world behind and the striving for Christ ahead. We wrestle daily with leaving the old life behind and embracing the new life before us. The good news for us who struggle is that we never struggle by ourselves, we struggle together with Jesus Christ. We never wrestle by ourselves, we never serve by ourselves, we never live by ourselves. Everything we do, we do together with him. Peter was called to be a fisher of people, but good news for Peter, Jesus was right beside him fishing too!

Therefore, let us who struggle with the journey of discipleship take great comfort in the good news that Jesus asks nothing of us which he has not already done and continues to do himself. We do not struggle in a vacuum, we struggle together with He who alone left all of heaven behind to seek the new life ahead. So let us struggle on, and let us entrust ourselves to the care and ministry of our Lord and our Brother who continues to struggle with us each and every day of our lives. If he keeps calling, let us keep following.

In Christ,  
Rev. Mark





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## A Note From Session

.Session will be listening to reports and suggestions/mandates regarding safe Covid procedures. As things change, so will we. For now, we will continue the procedures we have in place.

Trinity's committees have been busy.

**Community Outreach**, with Pam Bloom as chair, have been collecting soup for Faith Lutheran Food Pantry during "Souper" Bowl month. They will be collecting baby needs during March.

**Property and Finance**, with Beth Dougherty as Chair, continue with projects to maintain the church property.

**Personnel**, with Craig Reiter, Richard Fassett, and Kathy Fassett, did the needed change from contractors to employees of the custodian and pianist.

**Nominating**, with Mary Belding (second-term elder) as chair, had David Adams (second-term Deacon) and members-at-large, Dale Fassett and Pauline Headman elected at the February Congregational Meeting.

**Worship and Music** – Session is in charge of the responsibilities

Ministerial Relations Committee, Mary Belding, Pam Bloom, Beth Dougherty, and Dale Fassett are available for an questions or concerns of the congregation and the pastor.

**Yoke**, Craig Reiter, Beth Dougherty, and Mary Belding continue meeting with East Side' members of the committee (Cathy Burnham, Doug Gill, and Jim Booth) as well as Rev. Mark Mong, Rev. John Gehring Anders, and Rev. Dean Myers.

If you have any questions or concerns for any of these committees, or want to join them in their work, please contact the chair of the committee.

Upcoming special worship and meetings:

Ash Wednesday worship service

There will be a Town Hall meeting scheduled in April

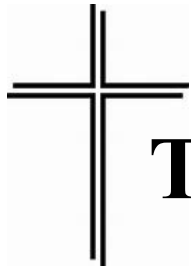
Session and the Board of Deacons will meet together April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the sanctuary.

We look forward to continuing to worship and work together to strive to discern where God would have Trinity move. Please keep us in your prayers.

Blessings,

Mary Belding, Clerk





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## A Note from Property and Finance

For the last few years, Property and Finance has been busy working on the upkeep of the building and grounds. Below is a recap of what your support has enabled us to provide:

### 2019-Landscaping removal

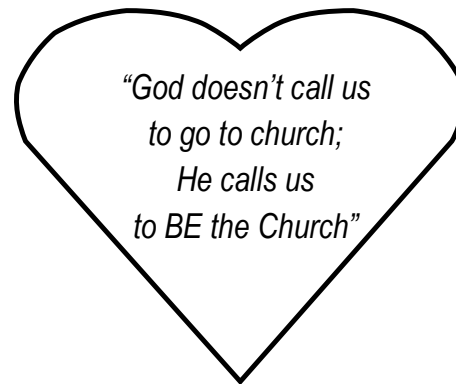
- House removed
- New door in boiler room
- Hot water tank replaced
- Ceiling tiles replaced

### 2020-New Landscaping

- Fence removed
- Sanctuary Flood lights
- Kitchen wiring
- Security lights in parking lot
- Floors stripped/waxed
- Audio visual system
- New peace poll

### 2021-New blinds throughout the church

- New sanctuary doors
- New gutters



We received various financial assistance during the pandemic through the Affordable Care Act, Bureau of Workers Compensation, and The Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church USA. Changes were made with the city to lower our sewer bill due to demolition of house. These are just a few of the decisions made to reduce our operating costs. The committee continuously looks for ways to lessen the financial burden on expenses.

### Capital Improvement Fund

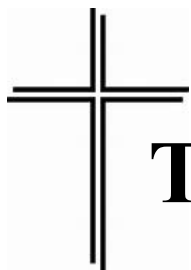
Total donated (2019 + 2020 + 2021)	\$40,423.83
Total paid through 2021	\$31,186.45

The Property and Finance group would like to express our appreciation for your generosity in support of the Capital Improvement fund. God continues to lead us to do amazing things. Thank you.

Beth Dougherty, Rich Fassett, Craig Reiter, Norm Jepson, Josh Hall, Terry Karvonen, Mark Mong, Hobart Shiflet

2022 per capita is \$34.91





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**SUNDAY, March 27, 2022**

**DURING**

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR**

**FOR: G.O. MINISTRIES  
H.I.P PROGRAM &**

**Please bring a gift to help in caring for babies such as**

## **A Note From Scrip**

Dee Fassett and Mary Belding providing gift cards that, in turn, provided rebates that made it possible for the Scrip Program to contribute to the Trinity Operating Expenses.

**For 2021**

<b>Beginning balance 1/1/21:</b>	<b>\$ 1,427.60</b>
<b><i>Income from sales :</i></b>	<b><u>36,959.26</u></b>
	<b>8,386.86</b>
<b><i>Cost of cards (incl. shipping):</i></b>	<b><u>(36,091.68)</u></b>
	<b>2,295.18</b>
<b><i>Gift to Trinity</i></b>	<b><u>1,000.00</u></b>
<b><i>(From 2020 receipts)</i></b>	
<b>Ending balance 12/31/21:</b>	<b>\$ 1,295.18</b>
<b><i>January 2022 Sales</i></b>	<b><u>625.00</u></b>
<b><i>Balance 1/11/22</i></b>	<b>\$ 1,920.18</b>
<b><i>Gift to Trinity (2021 receipts)</i></b>	<b>\$ 1,200.00</b>



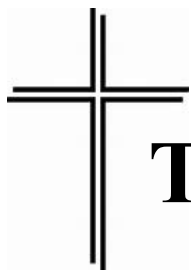
The Scrip Fund contributed \$1200.00 to the general fund of Trinity in January 2022 from the proceeds gained in 2021.

Thanks to all who support this mission.

Mary Belding

Dee Fassett





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## The Eden Project

Our motto is "Growing Food, Growing Faith".

This will be the tenth year for Trinity's garden.

The project started out with much help from many people. We have been able in past years to donate produce to the International Harvest soup kitchen located at the Dream Center at West 57th Street and Washington Avenue. We have brought produce into the church to share with the congregation whenever possible.

In 2016, we received a donation from Beth and David Adams of two wonderful benches which were installed on the north east corner of the garden. A flower bed was added near the benches to enhance the joy of being able to peacefully enjoy the garden. The benches are still there and still as nice as new. Our Ashtabula neighbors respectfully use them.

A few of our members stop by to plant, weed, and water. Thanks to Dee Fassett, Dale and Kathy Fassett, Ruth Ann Ayers, and Terry Karvonen, and anyone else who quietly assists. Their help is greatly appreciated.

Some of our beds have been planted with perennial flowers. One of our neighbors has planted and tended one of the beds for her own use. What a joy to share!

You are welcome to join us in the garden. Volunteers can spend less than an hour a week tending one bed, weeding as necessary and watering.

Hopefully, we will be able to provide some nutritious enjoyable food again this year.

I am proud that Trinity Presbyterian Church recognizes the need to provide nutritious food to those in need.

Respectfully submitted:

Joyce Kren and Mary Belding

## Bible Trivia

What did Jacob give Joseph that sparked jealousy from his siblings?

How did Moses' mother save him from the Egyptian soldiers?

Through what did God speak to Moses in the desert?

What did Moses say God commanded the Pharaoh to do?

How many plagues did God send on Egypt?

When Pharaoh changed his mind and sent his army after the slaves, where did they meet at?

What did God through Moses to save the slaves?

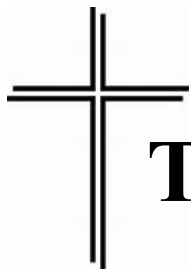
Where did God give Moses the Ten Commandments?

What golden image did the Israelites make at Mt. Sinai?

Who was the first king of Israel?

Trivia Answers  
1. A coat of many colors  
2. Put him in a basket in the river  
3. A burning bush  
4. Let his people go  
5. 10

6. By the Red Sea  
7. Parted the Red Sea  
8. Mt. Sinai  
9. A golden calf  
10. Saul



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## A Note from Ministerial Relations Committee (MRC)

Got something on your mind? Your voice can be heard! Give us a call and let us help.

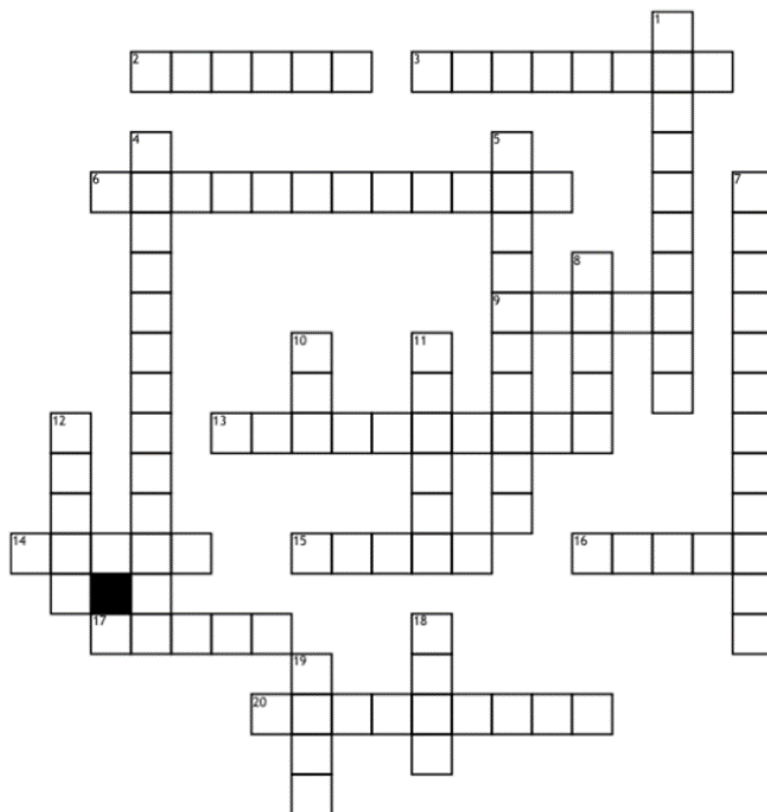
Dale Fassett, 440-228-4119

Mary Belding, 440-862-6786

Pam Bloom, 440-344-7277

Beth Dougherty, 440-661-1416

## Lent and Holy Week



### Across

2. What is the color for Lent?
3. Who was released instead of Jesus by Pontius Pilate?
6. What day is the Last Supper?
9. Jesus was stabbed on the cross by what weapon?
13. What day was Jesus crucified?
14. Who tempted Jesus in the desert while he was fasting?
15. Who denied Jesus three times like Jesus predicted?

16. What station is when Jesus falls for the first time?
17. Who cut off the soldier's ear in the garden?

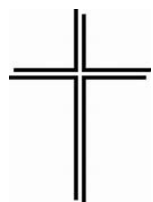
20. On Palm Sunday, what town did Jesus ride into?

### Down

1. What is the day before Ash Wednesday called?
4. Who ordered Jesus to die on the cross?
5. What day starts Holy Week?
7. On what day does Lent start?

8. How many days are in Lent?

10. How many people were crucified with Jesus?
11. What city was Simon who carried the cross from?
12. Who betrayed Jesus for silver?
18. On Good Friday service, you go up to the front of church and \_\_\_\_\_ the cross.
19. Priests wash peoples' \_\_\_\_\_ during Holy Thursday mass.



# March 2022

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <b>Shrove Tuesday</b> Al-Anon 7pm	2 Bible Study 10am Ash Wednesday Service 7 pm N/A 7pm	3 Bible Study 7pm	4	5
6 <b>Communion</b> <b>Face-Face</b> <b>Worship 10:30am</b>  <b>Video Worship</b>	7  Yoke meeting 7pm At Trinity	8  Al-Anon 7pm	9 Romeos 9am Bible Study 10am Property and Finance 6:30pm N/A 7pm	10  Bible Study 7pm	11	12
13 Daylight Savings Time  2¢ A Meal Collection Face-Face Worship 10:30am	14	15  Al-Anon 7pm	16 Bible Study 10am Community Outreach 6pm Session 7pm N/A 7pm	17 St. Patrick's Day Bible Study 7pm	18	19
20  Face-Face Worship 10:30am  Video Worship	21  MRC 6:30pm	22  Al-Anon 7pm	23  Bible Study 10am  N/A 7pm	24  Bible Study 7pm	25	26
27 Face-Face Worship 10:30am Baby Shower, Fellowship hour Video Worship	28	29  Al-Anon 7pm	30  Bible Study 10am  N/A 7pm	31  Bible Study 7pm		