

# Trinity Times

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Words are everywhere around us, and not all of them are nice. Many use words as a critique of someone or something, such as politicians criticizing the policies of political rivals. Many use words as a judgment of others, such as posts on social media judging another person's body, belief or political party. Many use words as a label condemning oneself, such as "fat," "stupid," "selfish," "guilty." We human beings find a common thread in our common nature, to critique, to judge and to condemn ourselves and others, regardless of whether they are valid and/or unjust.

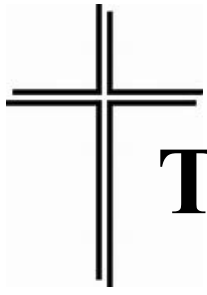
Perhaps then we have a closer connection than we at first understood with Christ on Easter Sunday. Easter is many things and has many aspects, but one of today's most important is that on Easter Sunday, God overturned the human critique, judgment and condemnation of Jesus. Humans put Jesus to death under the ultimate criticism, judgment and condemnation. God raised him not only to new, unending life but to the position and post as Lord of the Kingdom of God. The undeserved criticism, the invalid judgment, the unjust condemnation by sinful human beings, is overturned, undone and overwhelmed by the decision and power of Almighty God.

In a world filled and overflowing with harsh words, God's Word is the final and highest Word of Love and Grace. No other Word can be uttered that rivals in power and ability the Word uttered by God as the man Jesus of Nazareth in the power of the Holy Spirit. Humans criticized, condemned and killed. God validates, approves, and revives. Humans spoke to destroy. God speaks to create. Humans attempted to exert power over God, God displays the ultimate and final power over humans, and the consequences of their words and choices. God spoke to make, and no human or demonic power could undo or unmake what God chose to say and do.

This means that because of Jesus, we can move from critique to validation. Because of Jesus, we can move from judgment to forgiveness. Because of Jesus, we can move from condemnation to acceptance. Because of Jesus, we can move from our crucifixions (the ones we do to ourselves and the ones we do to others), to our resurrections, (the one God is doing to us and to others.) Because of Jesus, we can move from sin to Love. Easter has many layers and many levels of meaning for us, but in a world of critique, judgment and condemnation, one seems to be more important in this moment. What humans strive to critique, judge and kill; as Jesus of Nazareth, God validates, accepts, and resurrects.

Perhaps then we need a shift in our attitudes, our behaviors, our priorities, to ourselves and to others. That shift is from the temporary and futile words of humans to the Final and Ultimate Word of God. Perhaps we need a shift from sin and death to Love and Life, in the community of the Spirit of Jesus Christ. Perhaps this is the moment of the first-fruits of your resurrection, where you can begin to leave behind your crucifixion with Christ and with Christ begin to truly live. In the name of Jesus Christ, leave behind your critiques and condemnations and with Christ, enter God's Love and Life!

In Christ,  
Rev. Mark



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## A Note From Session

Your session is moving forward with elders participating in and leading the committees here at Trinity. With your help and willingness to be part of those committees, the work of Trinity can move forward.

Session has approved a Policy for Baptism which is based on guidelines from the Book of Order.

We continue to have an “Elder on Call” each month. If anyone has concerns about Trinity, or suggestions for Session, please avail yourself to the Elder on Call or to any elder. Susan Hogle (993-8422) is the Elder on Call for May.

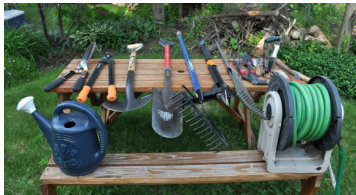
We thank you for your prayers for us as we carry out the work of Session.

Blessings,

*Mary Belding, Clerk*



## Note from the Eden Project



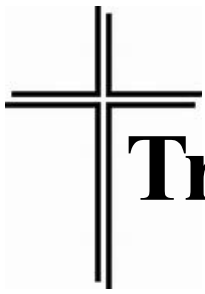
### **Spring is upon us!**

It is time to begin work in our gardens. We will also gladly accept any help in the garden. We have fourteen 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! Hopefully it will begin warming up and we can start cleaning up the beds, cleaning up the yard and planning our garden. In a month, maybe we can plant!

Blessings,

*Joyce Kren and Mary Belding*





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## **Property and Finance**

On Saturday, April 13 twenty-one members took part in our annual beautification day. What a blessing it was to see so many people of all ages take time out of their busy schedules and come together to “spruce up” our church and grounds. Everyone worked hard inside and out cleaning, raking, sweeping, weeding, and many other acts of love. Work will continue with additional work needing done inside. See Beth Dougherty if interested in helping.

Unfortunately the church was without hot water for a few days - A new hot water tank was installed April 4.

As we look of ways to make better use of our space indoors, we are asking all groups to take some time and go through all your cabinets, cupboards, or any other area and dispose of anything you do not use or need.

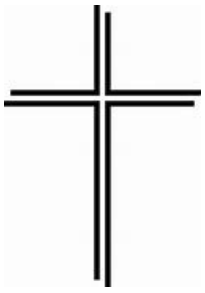
Don't forget about our 2020 rummage sale. We will find storage space if you have anything to donate.

Thank you to the Thursday Ladies for starting us off by cleaning out the white cupboard!

Blessings to all,

*Beth Dougherty*





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## **Donated items needed for Vacation Bible School:**

Boxes- Sizes are 12 x 12 x 16 or larger.

Brown paper bags or rolls of brown paper

Green crepe paper

Cardboard – 4ft x 8ft sheets

4 – 2 x 4's, 8 ft

Green Paint

*If anyone would like to donate these items, please see Beth Dougherty*



## **Trinity Scrip Fund**

Report for May 1, 2019

For January – April 2019

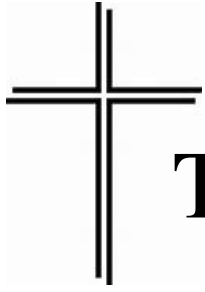
Beginning balance:	\$	458.33
Income from sales		16,190.00
Cost of cards (incl. shipping)		16,073.43
Balance	\$	574.90

You have purchased 300 cards from January 1st through April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Thanks to all who support this mission.

Mary Belding

Dee Fassett



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## Easter Lily Dedication

*Our sanctuary was filled on Easter with beauty honoring our loved ones. Some who have gone before us.*

### **In Memory of**

**Kevin Reed** *given by Joyce Kren and Mary Belding*

**Alan Headman** *given by Beth, Nikolas, Logan & Lukas Desai*

**Alan Headman** *given by Pauline Headman*

**Loved Ones** *given by Jack & Susan Hogle*

**Joyce Swanson** *given by Bill Swanson*

**Megan McClure, Cliff & Louise McClure, Patrick McClure, and Katie Nelson**  
*given by Steve & Barb McClure*

**Melvin Beebe and Jessie Craft** *given by Ron & Damaris Mollick*

**Loved Ones** *given by Dick & Peggy LaDu*

**Loved Ones** *given by Barb & Dwight Beatty*

**Dave and Jean Metcalf, Bill and Mary Reiter** *given by Craig & Karen Reiter*

**Bill, Michael and All Loved Ones** *given by Laura Lue Dougherty & Family*

**Mildred and Glenavon Weir, Rose and John Planisek, Ron Planisek**  
*given by Rich & Jane Planisek*

**Harold Shiflet, Nell Shiflet** *given by Margaret Barb*

**Grace Whitney** *given by Wanda Schwentker*

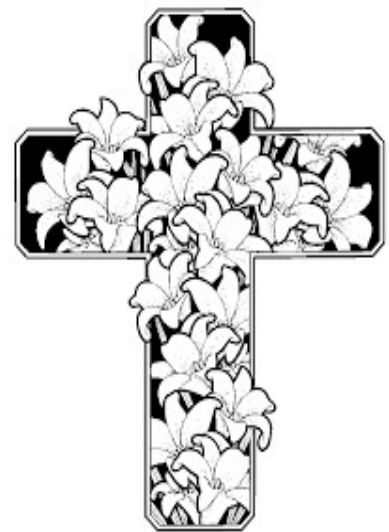
**Richard Frenz** *given by Gail Frenz*

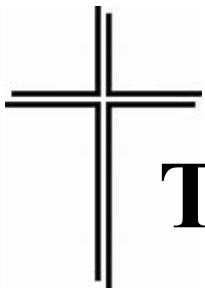
**Mr. and Mrs. Donald H. Miller** *given by Cathy Elizabeth Miller*

**Arthur and Anne Holstein** *given by Maryann K Jordan*

### **In Honor of**

**Martha Strong, Jan Stanquist, and Trinity Presbyterian Church**  
*given by Margaret Barb*





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Our families are deeply grateful for the cards, prayers and love we received during the time of loss of our father and our aunt.

*Thank you from the Vanyo, Savel, and Karvonen families*



United States Armed Forces, Meredith Ayers, Lynda Bennett & niece Terry, Bob Billman, Hilda Cook, Family of Marion Douglas, Liz Evans, Dale Fassett, Dee Fassett, Lois Fassett, Jeff Hart, Emily Luce, Esther Northrup & Family, Faye Puzzo, Carol Rich, Deborah Sanders, Jshon Sanders, Octavious Sanders, Karen Scott, Darlene & David Smith, Norma Strock, Christi Stroud, Trinity Shut-Ins, Genny Wallace, Fran Wilson, Ken Zaebst

## ***SHE IS WOMAN***

### ***SHE IS MOTHER, DAUGHTER, WIFE, SISTER***

*She is Person*

*She is strong, smart, crafty*

*She is passionate, courageous, generous*

*Cooking barefoot is only one of several superpowers*

*She is action, emotion, devotion*

*She has hope, beauty, power*

*She has a brain and she knows how to use it*

*She gives you life, respect, love, gratitude*

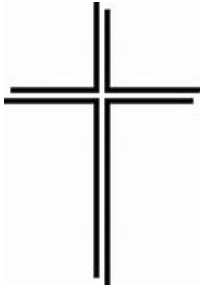
*She believes in you*

*She will nurture you, fight for you*

*She deserves nothing less from you*

*-Author Unknown*






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DEACON ON CALL: Dee Fassett 440-992-5004

ELDER ON CALL: Susan Hogle 440-993-8422

USHERS: Beth and Laura Lue Dougherty

LITURGISTS: Norman Jepson

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Adult Study 10am Deacons Mtg 6:30pm	2 Card Ministry 6:30pm Handbells 6:30pm	3	4 Transformation Training 9am-Noon
5 COMMUNION Choir 9am Adult Study 9:15am Worship/Faithbuilders 10:30am C.E. Mtg. after Worship	6	7 Game Day 11:30am Al-Anon 8pm	8 Adult Study 10am	9 Property & Finance Mtg. 6:30pm Card Ministry 6:30pm Handbells 6:30pm	10 Brown Bag Ladies 10am	11
12 Happy Mother's Day  2¢ A Meal Collection Choir 9am Adult Study 9:15am Worship/Faithbuilders 10:30am	13	14 Romeos 8am Al-Anon 8pm	15 Adult Study 10am Community Outreach 6pm Session 7pm	16 Card Ministry 6:30pm Handbells 6:30pm	17	18
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