

Trinity Times



TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1809 North Main Street

Anderson, South Carolina

Ramblings from Rev. Roy

By the time you read this we will be well into the Lenten season and heading quickly to Holy Week, and then Easter at the end of the month!

Of course, Easter is all about the Resurrection, new life in Christ, and the hope that it brings. But first, we must prepare our hearts, minds, and lives. It's time for some deep spring cleaning (or shall I say Lenten cleaning). As stated previously.....

The Season of Lent is a time of self-reflection and spiritual examination. It is a time for getting our spiritual house in order so to speak....but above all, it is an invitation to once again commit to love like Christ loves.

Jesus' initial preaching is summed up in the verse, "Repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand" (Matthew 3:2; Mark 1:15).

The word "repent" doesn't exactly mean what we tend to think of today. "Repent" (or *metanoia* in Greek) simply means **to change**. So the initial preaching of Jesus invites us to be willing to change - change our hearts and minds so that we are committed to loving like Jesus - change our lives around so that we love not only in word and speech, but also in action.

That is our task during this time of Lent - to prepare for Easterso that we can change and be Resurrection people.

And besides the mighty task of preparing our individual hearts, minds, and lives (as if that wasn't enough) - we must also prepare our church for Easter Sunday (the highest attendance Sunday of the year generally).

We all want Trinity UMC to be at its best. As I contemplated what that means for us, I recognized four main focus areas (I'm sure there's more). To be clear, these are things I think Trinity already does, but just as we intentionally prepare our hearts during this time, we also want to be intentional with preparing our church. It is good to be reminded of our tasks. So to be what God intends for us to be, we want Trinity UMC to:

1. BE AN INVITING CONGREGATION.

Invite your family members, neighbors, friends and strangers to come and celebrate the Resurrection with us.

2. BE A WELCOMING CONGREGATION.

Make sure everyone feels greeted and new folks know where to go, where the restrooms are located, and the nursery, etc. Make sure to include people who may be unfamiliar with the traditions of our church, or perhaps Christian worship all together.

3. BE AN AUTHENTIC CONGREGATION.

You love your church. Allow folks to see that genuine and real love for one another. Laughter, smiles, enthusiasm and positivity are all contagious. Let's be contagious (in a good way).

4. BE A MISSIONAL CONGREGATION.

Know our vision and mission "to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world" by "loving God and all people, learning God's will and ways, and living for Christ in the world." Share stories of how Trinity is accomplishing this, and invite our guests to join us in our mission.

These are our tasks - not just for Lent, but for each and every day. We are to live like the "kingdom of God is at hand." We are to be people of hope and light. We are to be Resurrection people. We are to be a Resurrection church. Easter is coming - let's get ready!

With Resurrection Hope,

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**Church
Office Hours**

**Monday-Thursday
8:30 am—2:30 pm
Friday—Closed**

WORSHIP AT TRINITY UMC - 2024

Lent/Easter Season

Lenten Worship Series: "Depths of Love"

The Season of Lent is a time of self-reflection and spiritual examination. It is a time for getting our spiritual house in order so to speak....but above all, it is an invitation to once again commit to love like Christ loves.

March 3 - "I Will Raise it Up" - Rev. Roy Mitchell
Scriptures: Exodus 20: 1-17 and John 2: 13-22

March 10 - "Loving the Light" - Rev. Roy Mitchell
Scriptures: Numbers 21: 4-9 and John 3: 14-21

March 17 - "Whoever Serves" - Rev. Kathryn Bariou
Scriptures: Jeremiah 31:31-34 and John 12: 20-33

March 24 - Palm/Passion Sunday - Rev. Roy Mitchell
Scriptures: Mark 11: 1-11 and John 12: 12-16

***March 28 - Maundy Thursday @ 6:30pm** - Rev. Kathryn Bariou
Scriptures: Exodus 12: 1-14 and John 13: 1-17, 31b-35

March 31 - Easter Sunday/Confirmation Sunday - Rev. Roy Mitchell
9am - Oasis Worship
10am - Easter/Confirmation Reception and Continental Breakfast
11am - Traditions Worship

POST-EASTER SERMON SERIES: "Unleashing Love"

Christ is Risen! So, what now? What difference has it made, is it making, and will it make in our lives day by day? How shall we live now? Join us post-Easter for a five-week journey to unlock the power of love, unravel its complexities, and discover its transformative strength. In a world yearning for connection, we'll learn to love with purpose, and unleash a power that can truly change the world.

April 7 - One Worship @ 11am - "Made For Love" - Rev. Roy Mitchell
Scriptures: Mark 12: 28-30 and 1 John 4: 7-8
- HOTDOG "Debt-Free Trinity" Celebration
- wear your #TrinityStrong t-shirts for church-wide picture

April 14 - "Only Love Can Do That" - Rev. Roy Mitchell
Scriptures: Luke 6: 27-28 and 1 Peter 3: 9
- 4:00pm - Church Talent Show and BBQ Dinner
(supporting our Fortson Homes Ministries)

April 21 - "Misdirected Love" - Rev. Kathryn Bariou
Scriptures: Deuteronomy 11: 13-16 and 1 John 2: 15-17
4:30pm - Service of Prayer for the General Conference of The UMC

April 28 - "Making Love Last" - Rev. Roy Mitchell
Scriptures: Matthew 7: 9-14 and Colossians 3: 12-14

May 5 - "WWJD: What Would Jesus Do?" - Rev. Roy Mitchell
Scriptures: John 15: 9-13 and 1 Corinthians 13: 2 and Ephesians 5: 1-2

The Oasis Service @ 9:00am in our Fellowship Hall - our version of a modern, laid-back service with a praise band, family tables, community prayer, holy communion, and message.

The Traditions Service - @ 11am in our Sanctuary - Traditions have a place here: choirs, handbells, hymns, liturgy, and sermon.

Both services are live streamed. Join us from anywhere...when you can't be here!

Red Shoe Reflections with Rev. Kathryn



Last weekend, I had the honor to worship and read Scripture at Trinity UMC in Charleston SC. Not only were we welcomed with open arms, but I was also shocked when the pastor offered for me to help with the service. Trinity UMC Charleston was built in 1791. It is a beautiful church, painted in a soft blue with white trim. It has a pipe organ in the back of the balcony that was obviously designed for beauty as well as its sound. I was so honored to read Scripture in a place that has heard the word of God for over 200 years. As I sat in one of the chairs behind the pulpit, I couldn't help but marvel at the place. When I looked in the pulpit, it was a bit different. While neat and tidy, it showed the work that takes place. Those gathered to worship saw the beauty of the church. From behind the pulpit, I could see the sound equipment, the oil for the candles and the offering plates waiting to be used. This is the other side of what we do.

As Christians, we sometimes think we need to show the peace and the wonders that following Jesus allows us to enjoy but the reality is that behind the façade we put forth, we have to do the work. We have to make sure we are connected to God in prayer, we have to be in the Scriptures and we have to work to make sure that we do not fall into temptation. It's not always the face we show the world. Being a Christian doesn't make our lives easier; it means we work toward different goals. And yes, work is required. Might we offer the world a different perspective if we show the other side? Might we be more open and honest if we allow others to see that we still have work to do on ourselves?

I am not sure what side I always show. I have shared times of struggle with other Christians but have I allowed others to see that it is not always easy. Jesus, while fully divine, allowed his humanness to show at times. He lost his temper, he cried, and he laughed. Maybe I need to allow the world to see that, Yes I am a Christian saved by grace but I still have to do the work to enjoy a life lived in Christ.

Kathryn

Online Giving

You may give online at www.trinityanderson.org/giving-2/. Create your own account by visiting the website and clicking on give and following the instructions there. Creating your own account lets you monitor your giving at any time during the year. For those who wish to give one-time gifts, you may also do that by clicking on "click here to give now." You do not have to create an account to give one time. **There is an option to contribute an additional 3% to help cover fees for your online transaction.**

Certain funds are already listed. If you do not see a fund to which you wish to give or make a payment, choose one that is closely related and make a note in the comment section or send an email to trinityadm1809@gmail.com with the details of the transaction. Thank you!

Thank You for Your Gifts!

Ways to Give:

Sunday offering—place in designated offering boxes

In Person—drop off at the church office

Online—trinityanderson.org/giving-2/
Choose the fund to which you wish to give
(please include 3% fee)

Mail—
Trinity United Methodist
Church
1809 N. Main Street
Anderson, SC 29621



Sympathy

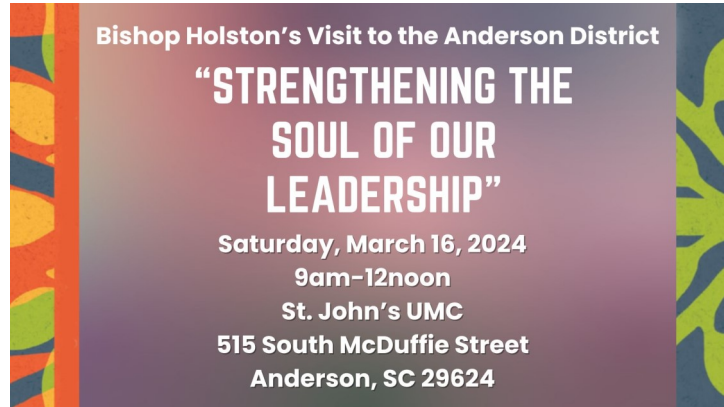
The Trinity Congregation expresses Christian love and sympathy to

- The family of Peggy Teater

Note to Trinity

Just a note to say thank you for your generous monetary donation and support to the mission at Clean Start Hygiene Center for the homeless.

Norene Smith, director



2023 Financial Year-End Update

General Fund ending balance in 2022 = \$22,088
General Fund received in 2023 = \$530,266
General Fund disbursements in 2023 = \$529,047
General Fund ending balance in 2023 = \$23,307

- This is our "cash flow". It does NOT include Endowment or designated funds.
- In 2022, we paid 29% of our apportionment funds. In 2023, we paid only 9.7% of our apportionment funds.
- Our 2024 Conference apportioned funds are \$75,638.

Trinity Financial Update

The General Fund is our non-designated fund from which our operational expenses are paid.

<u>General Fund (Budget)</u>	<u>January</u>
Beginning Balance	\$ 23,306.70
Income/Transfers	\$ 47,309.99
Expenses	
Personnel	\$ 38,109.83
Administration, Building, Maintenance	\$ 13,068.24
Programs/Ministries	\$ 2,656.77
2023 Apportionments	\$ 7,471.70
Ending Balance	\$ 9,310.15
Monthly Mission (canned goods)	\$ 60.00



Stephen Ministry News

An important theme of the Lenten season is the humanity of Christ. In Jesus, God became human and fully experienced the wide range of emotions we all encounter in life. Jesus experienced times of loneliness, sadness, hurt, anger, disappointment, grief, and abandonment. That is part of being human. Another part of being human is needing help from each other. God never intended us to be completely self-sufficient. Part of God's plan is for each of us to turn to others for help when we need it.

So when you are experiencing difficult times, don't struggle alone. Our Stephen Ministers will walk with you, listen to you, encourage you, pray with you, and provide confidential one-to-one care to help you through tough times. Stephen Ministers can bring the love of Jesus back into your life. To learn more about Stephen Ministry, talk to one of our Pastors Kathryn Bariou or Trinity staff Stephen Leader, kmbariou@umcsc.org, or you can contact Rev. Roy Mitchell, rmitchell@umcsc.org or Stephen Leader Betty Gurganus, bettyg702@gmail.com. You may also call the church office at 864-224-2531. **Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you!**



United Women in Faith

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Trinity United Methodist Church

Calendar of Activities at a Glance:

March 1, Friday: World Day of Prayer at St. Johns UMC, Parlor room, 12 noon -1pm

March 20: 10am Unit Meeting, Asbury Hall

March 23: Annual Day of Giving, Legacy Fund & Anderson District Day Apart Celebration, in person, Pendleton Library, 10:30 registration, 11am program

April 6: SCCUW Faith Spiritual Growth Event, virtual, Anderson District, host; 10 AM, must register

April 17: 10am Unit Meeting, Asbury Hall

April 19-21 : SEJUW Faith Quadrennial Meeting, Chattanooga, TN, must register

Details of Activities:

We are invited to attend **World Day of Prayer Program at our neighboring church St. John's in Anderson on Friday March 1st 2024.** The gathering is planned for their upstairs Parlor Room from 12 noon to 1:00 pm. All food items are welcome.

The church is located at 515 South McDuffie Street. Enter from the back parking lot and come up one floor. An elevator is nearby. Or you can enter from the side parking lot, the second entrance way.

Anderson District United Women in Faith is holding their **Day Apart Celebration on Annual Day of Giving for March 23rd.** This in person gathering will be at the Pendleton Library, 650 S. Mechanic Street, Pendleton. The library doors open at 10:00 am and our event

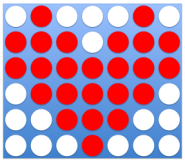
registration begins at 10:30am. The program starts at 11:00am. The speaker is local pastor Reverend Bernetha Orr of Robinson Chapel and New Harmony churches in Anderson district.

Annual Day of Giving March 23, 2024 marks the 155th year since the founding of our organization. The day is celebrated by encouraging contributions to our permanent endowment fund the Legacy Fund. Every dollar given to the Legacy Fund is an investment in sustaining United Women in Faith's vital work to empower women leaders, promote justice, and address needs in vulnerable communities.

All donations should be sent to United Women in Faith at the Church Center for the United Nations, Attn. LEGACY, 777 United Nations Plaza, 11th Floor, New York City, New York 10017. Donations may be made in honor or memory of someone. Whenever names and addresses are provided the honoree receives a letter announcing your gift.

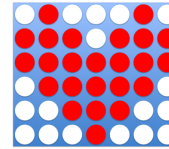
Our **2024 United Women in Faith Directory** is now in print. Thank you Beth Addis, UW Faith member/officer for creating this informative document. Thank you Brenda Stephens, church staff for printing and producing our booklets. Your good work is a benefit to all. We appreciate you both.

Our members will be **collecting non-perishable food items through May.** All are invited to donate foods to help end hunger in Anderson. The local Anderson mission best able to use our food donations will be named at the May 15th unit meeting with the Good Neighbor Cupboard as the first mission to be considered. Please join us by contributing to this important local project. **Psalm 34:8 Taste and see that the Lord is good.**



March Edition

What's Happening in a Glance



Hello, friends. Lent is here, a time for reflection and preparation. Our monthly lesson for our KIDS this month is the Easter story as told in all four Gospels. When God repeats Himself, we should definitely pay attention. Each of the first four books of the New Testament include the telling of the Easter story. Even though there are a few differences in each, that is actually stronger evidence that the stories are true. Any group of witnesses would retell an event slightly differently because the accounting is from different view points, recalling details that stood out from different perspectives. It makes the story more believable and very reliable. The disciples were on an emotional roller coaster ride - great excitement followed by devastating events, confusion about what had just happened and what was going to happen, betrayal of a friend who sold out another friend, hopelessness, fear and exhaustion that comes after an adrenaline crash. What a wild week for sure! But, God wasn't done yet. When hope seemed lost and death was overshadowing life, God did not disappoint. Like the best made Hollywood blockbuster film, it wasn't over when they thought it was over. Grab your popcorn and big gulp slushy because it is about to get Emmy worthy! Rising from the rubble of shattered hopes and dreams, our Hero is not down. He is just getting started. Each of the four Gospels gives a slightly different take on the Easter morning events but together, they make a very beautiful picture of hope out of despair and light out of darkness. Director's cut, special behind the scenes, 3-D version - same script, different angles. A glimpse of Jesus and a soft word of 'I am here' to reassure His friends that it was not over; it is just the beginning. Moments in our lives can be overwhelming, hard to process, challenging to breathe through, unexpected and chaotic, but those are the moments that Jesus can appear, speak a soft word and reset the mindset. Cue the music, get excited, sit up at the edge of your seat and prepare for the best comeback of all time! He is risen... He is risen indeed!



Ways to Connect

Remind 101 - text @kfcceb to 81010 to be added to the Children's Ministry class.

Follow us:
facebook.com/trinityandersonkids

Words to Ponder:

"Falling down is not a failure. Failure comes when you stay where you have fallen."
- Socrates

Lessons for March

Sunday School

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Connect 4/The Easter Story

Week One - Story

Matt. 28, Mark 16, Luke 24 and John 20

Week Two - Science

Week Three - Craft

Week Four - Snack

Week Five - Easter Sunday

(No Sunday School)

Reception Between Services

JAM Session

3rd—5th Grade Bible Study

March 22 @ McDonalds

(1651 Greenville St.)

4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Bring your Bible and

\$\$ for a drink or snack.

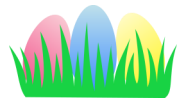
Key Passage:

"... And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

- Matthew 28:20



Messy Easter - March 23rd from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM, come join us in the gym for a "Messy" event. We will have crafts, snack, and fun.



Midweek Wednesday Night Bible Study: 1st - 5th Graders meet on all Wednesdays that coincide with our Wednesday night meals. They eat supper with their families at 5:30 PM (donation requested to cover cost, as able). Then, at 6:30 PM they head upstairs for lessons and activities until 7:15 PM. They can get picked up from the children's wing classrooms at 7:15 PM or hang out with their friends until 7:30 PM for dismissal directly to parent's cars at the gym door. **NOTE: The drive beside the gym is a one way drive.** Use caution.

The Well Youth Ministry

March 1st - 3rd – Confirmation Retreat

March 3rd – **NO WELL**

March 6th – 5:30 – 7:30 PM - Meal/Midweek Well

March 9th – 9:00 – 10:00 AM – Guys and Gals' Small Groups at Chic-fil-a; Same location for both groups, but we will be separate.

March 10th – 4:00– 5:30 PM – Confirmation Class

March 10th – 5:30 – 7:30 PM – The Well

(Do you believe? Matt. 21:22)

March 13th – 5:30 – 7:30 PM - Meal/Midweek Well

March 17th – 4:00– 5:30 PM – Confirmation Class

March 17th – 5:30 – 7:30 PM – The Well

(Do you still not see or understand? Mark 8:17)

March 20th – 5:30 – 7:30 PM - Meal/Midweek Well

March 24th – 4:00– 5:30 PM – Confirmation Class

March 24th – 5:30 – 7:30 PM – The Well

(What does the Scripture say? Luke 10:23-28)

March 27th – 5:30 – 7:30 PM - Meal/Midweek Well

March 31st – Easter Sunday/Confirmation Sunday

No Sunday School – Reception for Confirmands

NO WELL – Happy Easter!

Confirmation News:

Classes are 4:00–5:30 PM 3/10, 3/17, 3/24. Youth will be confirmed on Easter Sunday followed by a reception to meet and greet our newest members.

Valentine's Dinner News

Thank  You!
Thank You!
Thank You!

To all who came to eat, prepped the decorations and food, served the meal and cleaned up after, thank you! We made an astounding \$1,321.15! Your love, support and energy is felt by our youth and we appreciate you more than you know.

LookUp Lodge News: As your families begin planning your summer calendar, here are the summer LookUp Lodge dates again and information. We will be at LookUp Lodge from Sunday, June 9th, through Friday, June 14th. LookUp Lodge Deadline to hold a spot is March 1st. We must cancel unused spots by March 11th or get charged \$179 for each unused spot. Please let Dawn McLin know asap if your youth plan to attend camp this year. Final cost will be determined based on the final headcount and the Yard Sale Fundraiser on April 27th.

Our regular weekly youth (The Well) meets on Sunday and Wednesday nights from 5:30 pm–7:30 pm. We also have our youth Sunday School from 10:00 am–10:55 am in our youth room above the gym. If you are a youth or have a youth interested in plugging in, email thewell.tumc@gmail.com. We are actively seeking adults willing to invest in our young people and if you have thought about helping occasionally or regularly with our youth, we have lots of opportunities to serve. Our church and the future of the church depends on our continued efforts to make disciples who make disciples. We have room for you at the table. Come and see what is happening.

Why I Love Trinity UMC

In a recent conversation, Pastor Roy asked if I would list for others some of the reasons why I love Trinity United Methodist Church. I jumped at the chance. Trinity has been a major influence in my Spiritual life and I appreciate so much the people I have learned to know and love.

Rosa and I were introduced to Trinity by Sadie Steele, William's mother, in 1982 when we were looking for a church home. We were welcomed first by Carolyn Brashear, who became an important influence in the lives of our children in the youth program. Earl Jarrett quickly got me involved in the choir ministry of the church.

Members of Trinity were enthusiastic supporters of our involvement in fostering needy children, 15 of whom eventually were in our home for short periods. Trinity members also welcomed our four daughters who joined our family in 1986. We would not have been successful in our efforts without the generous, loving support of our Trinity family members.

Rosa passed on to our heavenly home in 2015. Loving care from Trinity members sustained my family and me during her illness and the time following the passing.

Paul Smith, Herb Franklin, Bob Carlisle, Frank Lybrand, Mary Teasley, and now Roy Mitchell. How could I not mention their loving care? And, to top it all, a Trinity member, Judi Carlton, agreed to be my wife in 2021! Have I written enough?

Thank you, Trinity, for your love and support all these years. Hope I have given something in return. Love to you!

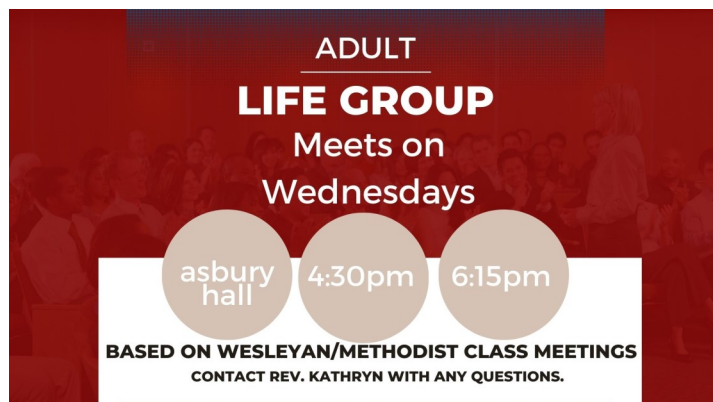
Eldon Zehr

Why do you love Trinity UMC?

Write a few sentences or paragraphs and let us know.

We will include them in upcoming newsletters.

Email your article to trinityadm1809@gmail.com.



Collecting Children's Art for the Monthly Card Ministry

Does your child love to create art and your refrigerator is full? The Monthly Card Ministry would love to use their art as an insert in the cards that are sent to our Love Persons each month. We ask that it be no larger than 5x7 so it will fit in the cards. There will be a small tub under the Trinity mailboxes in the preschool hallway for you to place their masterpieces in. Thank you for being a part of this ministry.—Jan Rozell

Share God's Love!

Thank you to everyone who sent and helped deliver Valentine's cards to our love persons (homebound). The cards and messages warmed a lot of hearts. Now it's time to share the joy and promise of Easter. Cards will be delivered to our love persons during the week before Easter. The love person list is available at the family mailbox or from the church office. Seal your cards with a prayer and deliver them to the basket at the family mail box or the church office by Sunday, March 24. Thank you!

Fight Childhood Hunger - Backpack Snackpack

United Way's Backpack Snackpack program provides food to about 800 elementary school students in Anderson County that do not have adequate food over weekends when school meal programs are not available. Trinity members will pack food for the students on Friday, March 15 from 9 to 11 am at the Second Harvest Warehouse (311 Alliance Parkway, Odd Hwy 81N). Come serve with us and enjoy the fellowship while serving Jesus's children. Contact Kathy Casedonte at 864-958-8356 with questions.



Monthly Mission News March

"The mission of Safe Harbor is to provide a continuum of services to victims of domestic violence and their children; and to eliminate cultural acceptance of domestic violence through a coordinated community response, education, and prevention. Individuals and families impacted by domestic violence have inherently been exposed to traumatic events in their lives. Safe Harbor is committed to providing programs and services that are designed with an understanding of the impact of trauma on individuals and families, as well as a recognition of a survivor's resiliency and ability to heal. They use a trauma-informed approach to services and community work that aims to support and empower survivors, to respect and honor each individual's experience and to avoid re-traumatization. For the March Monthly Mission Offering, we will be collecting monetary donations for Safe Harbor." More information can be found at www.safeharbor.org.

Wednesday Night Dinner

- Sign up each week at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090944ABA62AA5FD0-47041493-spring>
- If you wish to be on a standing list, contact Dava House at 803-917-0599.
- Our guide for payment to cover our costs is: \$7 for adults, \$5 for ages 8-17, and \$3 for children age 8 & under. (family of 4 - \$20; family of 5 - \$25)
- Place cash or check in basket on dining tables or pay online through our website at www.trinityanderson.org.

Menus for March are (and will include beverage and dessert):

- 6 — Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, bread or chicken nuggets
- 13 — BBQ or pizza
- 20 — Italian chicken pasta, salad, bread or chicken nuggets
- 27 — Baked potato bar, salad, bread or pizza

Facilities / Campus Report March 2024

The past few months have given us off and on extremely colder than normal weather for our area. Many of those cold days happened on the weekend which placed extra strain on our heat systems trying to satisfy our demands. Last month, we experienced a pump and valve failure on the 2007 installed boiler network that feeds the sanctuary. Shipping backlogs created delays longer than expected before all repairs were made. When our heat system failed in the sanctuary last month, we quickly moved all services into the Fellowship Hall with tremendous support from our worship teams. With warmer weather projected this month, our heat usage will decrease with needed savings on utility cost and equipment usage.

We installed (2) new ADA approved door handles at Asbury Hall which will make entering much easier for everyone. We serviced and adjusted other locks and panic bar doors around our campus for proper operations.

Our downspout drain system was camera inspected after noticing rain water drain backups during very heavy rainfall. We had the lines high pressure water jetted to free the blockage of roots, leaves, and asphalt gravel. The drain line near our education building is now clean with clear video footage showing direction of flow pattern away from the building.

Please mark your calendar to join the Trustees for our annual Church Workday Project on April 13. We have plans to trim shrubs and tree limbs around our campus, debris removal, and weed cleanup around our many bedding locations.

Bring work gloves, hedge trimming tools, pole saws, wheel barrels, tarps, etc.

We appreciate your help anytime that morning as we expect to be working from 8am – noon. Contact Dan Keesler – Trustee Chairman or David Ford – Business & Facilities Manager regarding any special equipment you may offer such as trailers, bobcats, or other commercial equipment.

Let's joyfully welcome Spring on March 19th, Good Friday on the 29th and Easter on the 31st.

For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer." 1 Timothy 4:4-5

Peace,

David Ford

Business & Facilities Manager

EASTER AT TRINITY

March 24

Palm Sunday

March 28

Maundy Thursday Service

6:30 pm, Sanctuary

March 31

Easter Sunday

9:00 am Oasis Worship

Fellowship Hall

10:00 am Breakfast, Gym

11:00 am Traditions Worship, Sanctuary

Kairos Prison Ministry Materials Due Before Noon on March 11

Kairos Prison Ministry is returning to the McCormick Correctional Institute and we have the opportunity to contribute cookies and encouraging notes to inmates there.

They have requested cookies in unopened, original packaging. Some favorites are chocolate chip, fig newton, oatmeal raisin, molasses, Oreo, and other sandwich type cookies. They cannot accept cookies that contain nuts or powdered sugar.

Notes should be encouraging, expressing Christian love. Do not include your personal information or the name of your church. You may sign your card with your first name only. Print your letter if possible because some may not read cursive writing. Do not seal your envelope as they are screened before distribution to the prisoners.

Bring your cookies and notes to the table in the preschool hallway beside the Trinity Card box by noon Monday, March 11.



United Methodist General Conference Information Sessions

The United Methodist worldwide General Conference will be held April 23 - May 3, 2024 in Charlotte, North Carolina. This is the General Conference that has been postponed since 2020 due to the Covid Pandemic, and issues with hundreds of visas of the delegates.

The coming General Conference is to have 862 voting delegates — 55.9% from the U.S., 32% from Africa, 6% from the Philippines, 4.6% from Europe and the remainder from concordat churches that have close ties to The United Methodist Church. There are at least 10 different languages spoken among delegates, and roughly 1,100 pieces of legislation to work through. Half of the delegates are to be clergy and half laity. Bishops preside at General Conference sessions but do not have a vote. **Trinity's own, Chris Lynch, is a lay delegate to General Conference.**

We will hold two more information sessions leading up to the General Conference on the first Sunday of March and April. Rev. Jim Brookshire is leading us in these sessions. Jim is a retired UM elder from the Western NC Conference, and is an active "member" of Trinity (clergy are technically members of annual conferences, not local churches). Our first session held in February was well attended and ended in powerful prayer together.

Our remaining sessions will be in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoons at 4pm on March 3rd and April 7th. We will also have a special service of prayer on Sunday, April 21 (prior to the start of General Conference).

March 3rd @4pm - Review of Session 1 and Legislation Before General Conference

April 7th @4pm - What does it mean for the local church? For Trinity UMC Anderson?

April 21st @ 4:30pm - Service of Prayer for the General Conference of The UMC

Below are links to the official General Conference website and a short video explaining the General Conference.

General Conference 2020 (resourceumc.org)

What is... the General Conference?

As always, thank you for remembering Trinity UMC and our city of Anderson in your prayers. We remain focused on our mission of "making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world" by "loving God and all people, learning God's will and ways, and living for Christ in the world."

Grace and peace,
Roy



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