

## Trinity United Methodist Church

Worship each Sunday at 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School at 10:45 a.m.

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Trinity United Methodist Church  
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## *Trinity Tidings*

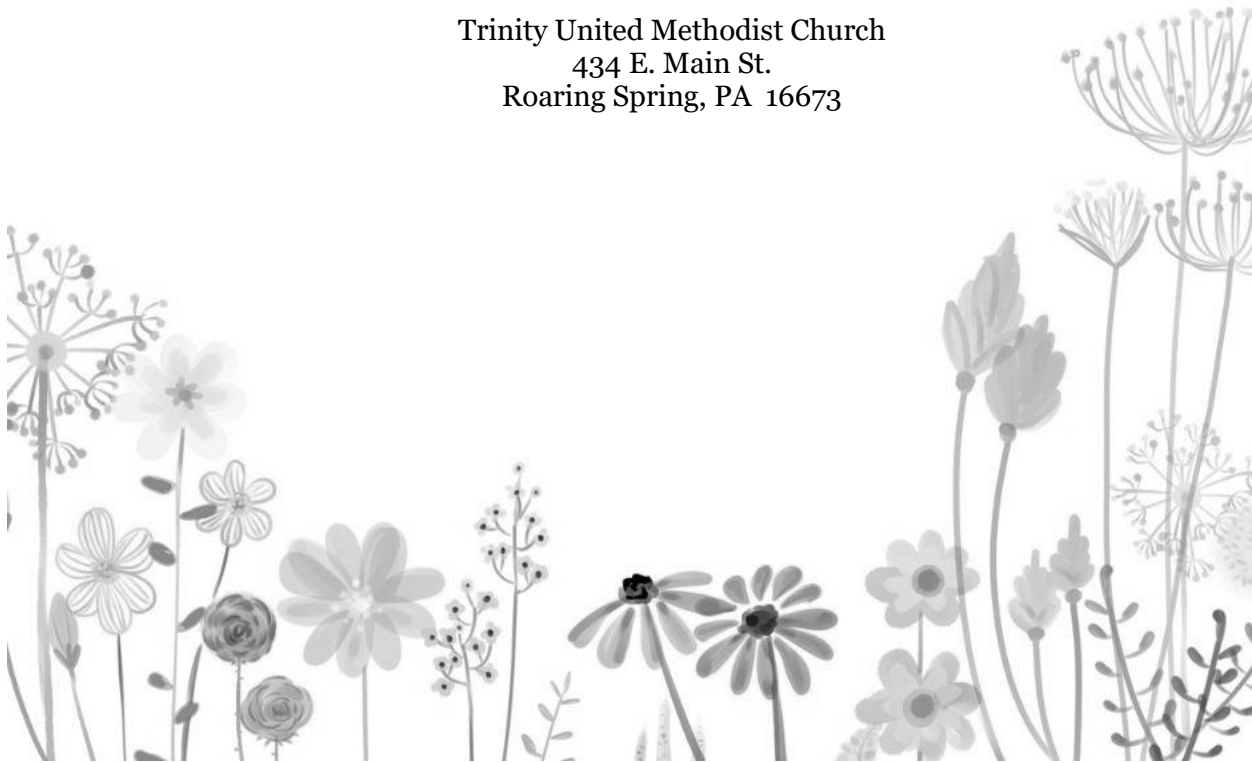
Roaring Spring, PA 16673

April/May 2024

Grace & Peace to you from our Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ:

One of the most important questions a member of a church can ask themselves is are they a disciple following Christ or are they belonging to an organization? There is nothing wrong with belonging to an organization. Many civic and community clubs do outstanding work for their neighborhoods. I see this all the time in Roaring Spring and Martinsburg. I am grateful that many of you live out your faith by serving in various community roles. Yet, a disciple following Christ does not just belong to the church, they accept Christ as Savior and Lord and live to serve Him by loving God and neighbor. I am thankful to be part of Trinity UMC whose members I believe strive to be disciples of Christ. Our future together will be striving to grow in our discipleship and helping others accept Christ as Savior and Lord while encouraging them to be disciples who follow His ways.

There will be two important events in the life of the church which will help us as we grow as disciples and welcome new disciples of Christ. The first event is Pentecost and Confirmation Sunday. *The United Methodist Book of Worship* relates to us that “The Day of Pentecost is the fiftieth and last day of the Easter Season, when the Church received the gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2). It is a most appropriate day for baptisms, confirmations, and congregational reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant.” **On May 19, 2024**, we will celebrate



three incredible young men as they make their profession of faith on **Pentecost and Confirmation Sunday** and become professing members of Trinity UMC. More important, they will continue the journey of being disciples of Jesus Christ following His ways. *It is imperative that all members and friends of Trinity UMC make all arrangements they can to be in church May 19 to support these young men and welcome them into the full professing membership of Trinity UMC.*

The second event is one that occurs in many ways over several days. It begins with Pastor Ryan attending an Intentional Discipleship Planning Training & Retreat from April 17-18, 2024 at Mt. Asbury. It continues with work by our Church Council and leadership starting in the summer of 2024. We then prayerfully hope to kick-off a church wide four-to-six-week small group initiative in the fall of 2024. This will be followed up with a four-week small group experiment in December 2024 for Advent. These steps from April to Summer to Fall to December will be our beginning work to launch us from our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration into the future mission & ministry of Trinity UMC. *Please be in prayer as we begin our discernment and planning.*

May the Lord bless you and keep you as we pray for the Holy Spirit to do as it did two thousand years ago on that first Pentecost filling “the entire house (our church) where they were sitting.” (Acts 2:2b)

Pastor Ryan

### **Anniversaries:**

#### **April**

- 7. Jerry & Karen Green, Chintan Patel & Libby Green
- 17. Wade & Dee Rodland
- 18. Larry & Heidi Hoffner

#### **May**

- 22. Mel & Barb Edmundson
- 24. Dave & Alta Wineland
- 28. Ken & Donna Pote

### **Birthdates:**

#### **April**

- 2. Tammy Keith
- 3. Norm Hostetter
- 4. John Ross Green
- 6. Janet Hamm, Rihan Shafer Patel
- 9. Mel Edmundson
- 11. Connie Musselman

#### **May**

- 1. Lorie Davis
- 10. Don Goebel, Andrew Gephart, Libby Green
- 14. Ralph Grove
- 15. Christine Thompson
- 17. Trevor Smith
- 25. Theo Lemin
- 29. Morgan Ebersole

**OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS:** Judy Bowers, Roger and Kay Bowser, Tanna Byler, Lorie Davis, Marsha Demchak (Sandy Polchito’s sister), Bud Evans, Glenda Fowler, Mike Galbraith, Ken & Pam Garlick, Ione Hammaker, Jeff Hetrick, Norm Hostetter, Ruth Imler, Pastor Evie Madison, Barbara Mingle, Bob & Doris Musselman, Barry & Connie Musselman, Dee Rodland, Gary Shank, Katlyn Wren Somogyi, Bob & Dorothy VanNatta, Claudia Weise

## **Pastor's Bible Study – Wednesdays @ 10:30am Spring 2024**

Our Spring Bible Study will be on the Beatitudes from the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew Chapter 5:1-12. We will be reading and using J. Ellsworth Kalas' book Beatitudes from the Back Side: A Different Take on What It Means to be Blessed as our guide.

Wednesday, March 13: Chapter 1 of the Book

Wednesday, March 27: Chapter 2 of the Book

Wednesday, April 3: Chapter 3 of the Book (Read Matthew 5:3)

Wednesday, April 10: Chapter 4 of the Book (Read Matthew 5:4)

Wednesday, April 24: Chapter 5 of the Book (Read Matthew 5:5)

Wednesday, May 1: Chapter 6 of the Book (Read Matthew 5:6)

Wednesday, May 8: Chapter 7 of the Book (Read Matthew 5:7)

Wednesday, May 22: Chapter 8 of the Book (Read Matthew 5:8)

*No Bible Study Wednesday, May 29 – Annual Conference Week*

**Bible Study will be on Summer Break June through August; however, I would like to go to breakfast one Wednesday morning each of those months to finish the book – June ~ Chapter 9 of the Book (Read Matthew 5:9); July ~ Read Chapter 10 of the Book (Read Matthew 5:10-12); August ~ Chapter 11 of the Book (Completes the Study) → The Summer Once a Month Breakfast Schedule To Be Determined**

All are welcome to attend!

### **A Time for the Young at Heart Presenter in Worship Schedule**

Apr. 7: Doug Mingle

Apr. 14: Pastor Ryan

Apr. 21: Jerry Green (Festival of God's Creation ~ Earth Day)

Apr. 28: Kate Muthler

May 5: Doug Mingle

May 12: Pastor Ryan (Ascension Sunday)

May 19: Confirmands (Pentecost & Confirmation Sunday)

May 26: Kate Muthler (Peace with Justice & Trinity Sunday)

## **April & May 2024 Sermon Topics & Scriptures**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter ~ Sunday, April 7: “Discipleship Planning in the Book of Acts I ~ Bearing Witness to the Resurrection” (Psalm 133 with Response in UMH 850 & Acts 4:32-35)

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter ~ Sunday, April 14: “Discipleship Planning in the Book of Acts II ~ Fatih through Jesus Changing the World” (Psalm 4 with Response in UMH 741 & Acts 3:12-19)

**Festival of God's Creation Sunday (for Earth Day) & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter ~ Sunday, April 21:** “Discipleship Planning in the Book of Acts III ~ The Name of Jesus: A Cornerstone & Our Salvation that Cares for Us as We are Called to Care for Creation” (Psalm 23 with Response #1 in UMH 137 & Acts 4:5-12)

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter ~ Sunday, April 28: “Discipleship Planning in the Book of Acts IV ~ Relying on God's Presence: Phillip & The Ethiopian Eunuch” (I John 4:7-21 & Acts 8:26-40)

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter ~ Sunday, May 5: “Discipleship Planning in the Book of Acts V ~ The Work of The Holy Spirit” (Psalm 98 with Response #1 in UMH 818-819 & Acts 10:44-48)

Ascension of The Lord Sunday ~ Sunday, May 12: “Don't Just Stand There” (Acts 1:1-11 & Luke 24:44-53)

**Pentecost Sunday & Confirmation Sunday with Our Three Eighth Graders Joining the Church ~ Sunday, May 19:** The Message: Pastor Ryan's words for the Confirmands & The Confirmands statements of Faith (Luke 10:25-37, Romans 8:22-27, & Acts 2:1-21)

**Trinity Sunday & Peace with Justice Sunday with Special Offering ~ Sunday, May 26:** “Peace with Justice is an Obligation” (Psalm 29 with Response in UMH 761 & Romans 8:12-17)

## **April 2024**

**Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>: Office Closed for the Easter Holiday**

**Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>: 10:30am Bible Study**

**Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>: 8am Pastor @ Cluster Meeting; Noon Pastor @ Joint Roaring Spring & Martinsburg Ministerium Meeting**

**Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>: 9am to 4pm UNTO Roaring Spring Ministerium Feeding/Packing Event at ARCH (see announcement in Newsletter)**

**Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter (Sunday School for Children, Youth, and Adults resumes at 10:45am)**

**Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>: 6pm Men's/Family Fellowship**

**Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>: 10:30am Bible Study**

**Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>: 9am Spring Cleaning (rain date: May 4); 5pm Manna on Main Street Meal**

**Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>: 9:30am Ladies' Coffee @ The Vault**

**Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>: Pastor @ Intentional Discipleship Planning Retreat/Training at Mt. Asbury**

**Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter; Confirmation Family Picnic**

**Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>: Noon Manna on Monday Meal**

**Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>: 5pm Women's Fellowship at Roots in The Cove; 7pm Ad Council**

**Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>: 10:30am Bible Study**

**Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter; 3pm Safety Team Meeting**

**Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>: Afternoon Pastor @ District Office for DCOM**

## **May 2024**

**Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>: 10:30am Bible Study**

**Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>: 8am Pastor @ Cluster Meeting**

**Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>: 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter; 5pm-7pm Confirmation Class**

**Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>: Pastor away for the Day; 6pm Women's Fellowship**

**Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>: 10:30am Bible Study**

**Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>: 5pm Manna on Main Street Meal**

**Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>: Ascension of The Lord Sunday; Youth Baptism in the Afternoon (details to come later in April)**

**Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>: 6pm Men's/Family Fellowship**

**Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>: Pastor away for the Day; 9:30am Ladies' Coffee @ Restored Grounds**

**Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>: Pentecost Sunday & Confirmation Sunday with Our Three Eighth Graders Joining the Church; Potluck Brunch to follow the Service (details to come later in April)**

**Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>: 10:30am Bible Study (Last one till September but we will have a once-a-month breakfast gathering for the summer months – dates & times to be determined)**

**Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>: Trinity Sunday and Peace with Justice Sunday with Special Offering Palm Sunday**

**Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>: Office Closed for Memorial Day**

**Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>: Pastor only in the office for this day for this week; 7pm Ad Council**

**Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>: Pastor & Lay Delegate at Annual Conference for the Susquehanna Annual Conference of the UMC at the Williamsport Community Arts Center**



Women's Fellowship will meet at  
**Roots in the Cove**  
 April 23rd at 5:00PM  
 You may bring your own container or purchase one there.

**UNTO Feeding Ministry**

On Saturday, April 6, 2024 the ARCH is excited to partner with the Roaring Spring Ministerium by hosting a food repackaging program called UNTO. We will need volunteers to repackage the beans and rice which come in 50 pound bags. This will be a great opportunity for the youth who may need community service hours. It will be 2 hour shifts at a time. Sign up sheets are on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

**Manna On Main Street- Summer Hosts Needed**  
 Jo Ellen is looking for a host/hostess for either June 8th or August 10<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in hosting please contact her.



**Ladies Coffee & Conversation**

April 17th - The Vault - 9:30AM  
 May 15th - Restored Grounds - 9:30AM

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**SPRING**  
*cleaning*

**APRIL 13TH**  
**RAIN DATE: MAY 4TH**  
**9:00AM**



**Confirmation Class 2023-2024**

Final Months' Schedule - April and May, 2024  
 Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>: Confirmation Family Picnic (time & location to be determined)  
 Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> from 5pm to 7pm  
 Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> Youth Baptism in the Afternoon (details to come later in April)  
 Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> Pentecost Sunday & Confirmation Sunday with Our Three Eighth Graders Joining the Church; Potluck Brunch to follow the Service (details to come later in April)