

## Trinity United Methodist Church

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

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## *Trinity Tidings*

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February/March 2026

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"For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified." (1 Corinthians 2:2)

As we finish up our Book of Corinthians Sermon Series, I am reflecting on this powerful verse. When everything seems out of order in this world, I am reminded that I can always turn to one of the central tenets of our faith: "Jesus Christ and him crucified." Jesus Christ crucified for grace to be bestowed. Jesus Christ crucified and is with us till the end of the age. Jesus Christ crucified, showing us that God's wisdom and God's ways are found in sacrifice. Sacrifice is essential for the Christian and we must be willing to sacrifice for others in the church and community. To that end, I want to update you all on our three priorities/goals as a leadership for Trinity UMC, Roaring Spring in 2026.

### **Goal #1: Worship**

Schedule the following roles for the year by the start or end of Lent (some of these are already completed & some have had some work done already):

- Musicians & Special Music, Lectors, Communion Servers, Acolytes, Greeters, A/V, Nursery, and Sunday School Helpers

### **Goal #2: New Sunday School Opportunities**

- Two possibilities: Young Adult and/or Parenting and either could be Coffee & Conversation and/or something in the round room and/or Memorial room
- Need to do some research work on leaders and ways to implement

- Looking to start either group(s) on Feb. 18, or Mar. 1, or Apr. 12

**Goal #3: Accessibility**

- Multiple people are currently doing research assignments from talking to conference trustees, to other people they know, to architects, etc.
- First meeting of a group doing this work/research is **Sun., Feb. 8 at 11:45am** after Church & Sunday School (all are welcome to attend, lunch provided)

Please be in prayer for our leadership as they work on these goals so that through Worship, through Sunday School, through being more accessible, and through all the other means of small groups, meals, outreach, and more; more people will come to know "Jesus Christ and him crucified."

Blessings,  
Pastor Ryan



OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS: Paul Adams, Roger and Kay Bowser, Lorie Davis, Glenda Fowler, Jeff Hetrick, Dick & Judy Hoover, Pastor Evie Madison, Barbara Mingle, Bob Musselman, Barry & Connie Musselman, Dan Musselman, Margaret Robinson, Christine Thompson, Bob & Dorothy VanNatta, Claudia Weise, Alta Wineland, Lori Weicht, Lisa Zimmerman

**Anniversaries:**

**February**

8. Barry & Connie Musselman

**March**

No Anniversaries

**Birthdates:**

**February**

04. Dave Wineland  
10. Don Knisely  
29. Luke Knisely

**March**

02. Michael Weicht  
04. Jalen Goins  
05. Eli Muthler  
07. Jane Smith  
14. Fred Hetrick  
16. LaRue Holt, Scott Muthler  
19. Misty Gephart  
21. Jo Ellen Mingle  
23. Sarah Hetrick, Rachel Galloway  
24. Jim Hetrick



## February & March 2026 Sunday School Announcement

Children's Sunday School is every Sunday  
to May 10, 2026 at 10:45am in the educational wing.

The Children are currently studying  
The Basic Bible Stories of The Bible.

Misty Gephart & Karen Green  
are our lead Sunday School teachers  
with various other adults  
as assistants and Safe Sanctuaries helpers.  
If you are interested in helping with Children's  
Sunday School, please let Misty or Karen know  
or contact the Church Office.

Youth Sunday School for Grades 7th through 12th  
Is every Sunday to May 10, 2026  
in the two Youth Sunday School Rooms in the Education Wing  
from 10:45am to 11:45am

An adult Sunday School Class meets  
from 10:45am to 11:45am  
Every Sunday in the IHS room in the Church.  
All are Welcome to attend.

Young Adult Sunday School  
\*Working to see if we can have a class this year

### **Youth/Young Adults (YPM ~ Young People's Ministry)**

will meet every Second Sunday from 5pm to 7pm/8pm

#### **Dates for this cycle:**

**February 1** ~ make-up due to snow cancelling January events

**February 8** ~ special event at the Parsonage: Super Bowl Party from 5pm - 8pm

**March 8**

All youth in Grades 7th through 12th grades plus all young adults are invited to attend.



## Shrove Tuesday Breakfast Dinner on Tuesday, February 17, 2026 from 5pm to 7pm

Please consider helping and donating to this amazing outreach which is  
the second largest meal we serve at TUMC  
(*the first being Thanksgiving Dinner*).

Stay tuned to bulletin and church announcement outreach with sign-up  
sheets asking for your help.

"Shrove Tuesday (also known as Pancake Tuesday or Pancake Day) is the final day of Shrovetide, which marks the end of the pre-Lenten season. Lent begins the following day with Ash Wednesday. Shrove Tuesday is observed in many Christian countries through participating in confession, the ritual burning of the previous year's Holy Week palms, finalizing one's Lenten sacrifice, as well as eating pancakes and other sweet

"Shrove Tuesday is observed by many Christians, including Anglicans, Lutherans, Methodists, Western-rite Orthodox Christians, and Roman Catholics, who "make a special point of self-examination, of considering what wrongs they need to repent, and what amendments of life or areas of spiritual growth they especially need to ask God's help in dealing with." (From <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ShroveTuesday>)

Food Distribution ~ February 4 ~ 3:00-4:00  
Manna on Monday ~ February 23 ~ 12:00-1:00



## Manna on Main Street Schedule for the Rest of 2026

*Second Saturdays of every month (except for November)*

*5pm to 6pm*

[We still need an August leader ~ call the church office or contact Jo Ellen Mingle to sign up]

Feb. 14, 2026: Kate Muthler with Lisa Reininger

Mar. 14, 2026: Sandy & Gary Polchito

Apr. 11, 2026: Women's Fellowship

May 9, 2026: Mel Edmundson

Jun. 13, 2026: Fred & Gordy Hetrick

Jul. 11, 2026: Jo Ellen Mingle

Aug. 8, 2026: ???

Sept. 12, 2026: Sue Heuston

Oct. 10, 2026: Nick Dunmire & Seniors (Senior Project) (Family & Church help)

Nov. 26, 2026 (Thanksgiving Day): Entire Church

Dec. 12, 2026: Jo Ellen Mingle

## Adult Small Groups, Bible Study, and Fellowship Groups Schedule & Topics for End of January, February, & March 2026

Women's Fellowship in the IHS Classroom ~

Tuesdays at 6pm:

February 3 ~ Chapter 2: 12 Extraordinary Women of the Bible

Devotions: Linda Felton

Refreshments: Marie Bulger

March 3 ~ Chapter 3: 12 Extraordinary Women of the Bible

Devotions: Sandy Polchito

Refreshments: Sandy Polchito

Men's/Family Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall ~

Tuesdays at 6pm: February 10 & March 10 Fellowship Meal

Bible Study ~

Wednesdays at 10:30am in the IHS Classroom

February 4 & 11; Off for the month of March (resume April 1)

Studying the Gospel Stories of The Gospel of John

Ladies' Coffee & Conversation at Various Coffee Shops ~

Wednesdays at 9:30am: February 18 (Honey B.'s) & March 18 (The Vault)

Polchito Small Group in the IHS Classroom ~

Wednesdays at 6pm: January 28 (February & March dates to be set at that meeting)

Studying the Book of Romans (Disciple Bible Study)

McMullen Small Group @ The McMullens ~

Thursdays at 6:30pm: January 29 (February & March dates to be set at that meeting)

Studying the Book "Separation of Church and Hate"

Graystone Small Group @ Graystone 2nd Floor ~

Thursdays at 1:30pm: February 12; Off for the month of March (resume April 9)

Studying Lent (February) & Easter (April)

Sunday, February 8 at 11:45am: Accessibility Meeting

Tuesday, February 24 at 7:00pm: Administrative Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 24 at 7:00pm: Administrative Council Meeting

**Acolyte Schedule for February, March, & Easter 2026**

Feb. 1: Isaiah Gartland  
Feb. 8: Olivia Sollenberger  
Feb. 15: Mason Hershberger  
Feb. 22: Eli Muthler  
Mar. 1: Jesse Muthler  
Mar. 8: Olivia Sollenberger  
Mar. 15: Andy Bassler  
Mar. 22: Isaiah Gartland  
Mar. 29: Mason Hershberger  
Apr. 5: Austin Bassler



**Schedule for A Time for the Young at Heart Presenter**

February 1: Dusty Bassler	March 1: Dusty Bassler
February 8: Pastor Ryan	March 8: Pastor Ryan
February 15: Kate Muthler	March 15: Kate Muthler
February 22: Doug Mingle	March 22: Misty Gephart
	March 29: Doug Mingle

Confirmation Class 2025-2026 – Third Sundays each month  
from 5pm to 7pm During the School year  
Class continues with three wonderful youth on February 15, March  
15, April 19, and the May date, 2026 to be determined

The Altoona Mission Central HUB is collecting items to make the UMCOR Flood Buckets to get ready to send to Mission Central in Mechanicsburg.

Items needed:  
Mosquito repellent (Pump spray 6-14 oz. No aerosol)  
Liquid concentrate household cleaner 16-40 oz.  
Scrub brushes  
Clothes lines (50 up to 100 feet)  
Wooden clothes pins (36-50)



**The Altoona Mission Central HUB  
Annual Fundraiser Bus Trip to Sight and Sound Theatre  
“JOSHUA” - Thursday, April 9, 2026**

The deadline to get tickets is February 26, 2026.

The price: \$198 (13 and over), \$129 (12 and under)  
Price includes meal @ Hershey Farms, Show @ 11 am,  
and transportation.

We will leave from Lowes, Altoona at 6:30 AM.

Checks payable to “MARTI SHIFFLER” IN MEMO PUT JOSHUA  
Mail to: MARTI SHIFFLER 349 Nelson Road Altoona PA 16601  
\*LIST WHO YOU WOULD LIKE TO SIT WITH

**February & March 2026 Sermon Topics & Scriptures**

4th Sunday After The Epiphany ~ Sunday, February 1: The Book of Corinthians  
Sermon Series ~ "Boast In Christ" (1 Corinthians 1:18-31 & Matthew 5:1-12)

5th Sunday After The Epiphany & Harvest Home for World Hunger Super (Souper)  
Bowl Sunday (Special Offering) ~ Sunday, February 8: The Book of Corinthians  
Sermon Series ~ "Jesus Christ and Him Crucified" (1 Corinthians 2:1-16 &  
Matthew 5:13-20)

Transfiguration Sunday ~ Sunday, February 15: "Appearances" (Exodus 24:12-18  
& Matthew 17:1-9)

Ash Wednesday ~ Wednesday, February 18 at 7pm (Service with Imposition of  
Ashes & Holy Communion): "A Symbol That Takes on Great Meaning" (Joel 2:1-  
12, 12-17, Psalm 51:1-17 ~ UMH 785-786 with sung response 1, 2 Corinthians  
5:20b--6:10, & Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21)

1st Sunday of Lent ~ Sunday, February 22: Obscure Figures/Stories of the Bible  
that Can Teach Us Today ~ "Balaam, the Donkey, and the Angel" (Numbers 22:1-  
6, 9-14, & 20-35 & Matthew 4:1-11)

2nd Sunday of Lent ~ Sunday, March 1: Obscure Figures/Stories of the Bible that  
Can Teach Us Today ~ "The Daughters of Zelophehad" (Numbers 27:1-11 & John  
3:1-17)

3rd Sunday of Lent ~ Sunday, March 8: Obscure Figures/Stories of the Bible that  
Can Teach Us Today ~ "Issachar, Those Who Had Understanding of The Times" (1  
Chronicles 12:23-24, 32, & 38-40 & Romans 5:1-11)

4th Sunday of Lent & UMCOR Sunday (special offering) ~ Sunday, March  
15: Obscure Figures/Stories of the Bible that Can Teach Us Today ~ "The Church  
in Antioch" (Psalm 23 (KJV) & Acts 11:19-30)

5th Sunday of Lent ~ Sunday, March 22: Obscure Figures/Stories of the Bible that  
Can Teach Us Today ~ "A Maid Named Rhoda" (Ezekiel 37:1-14 & Acts 12:6-19)

Palm Sunday ~ Sunday, March 29: "Who Is This?" (Matthew 21:1-11 & Psalm  
118:1-2, 19-29 ~ UMH 839 with sung response #1)

**HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES**

Thursday, April 2 at 7pm Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion

Friday, April 3 at 7pm with St. Luke's Lutheran Church at Trinity UMC ~ joint

Good Friday Tenebrae Service

Sunday, April 5 at 6:30am with St. Luke's Lutheran Church at Greenlawn Cemetery  
~ joint Easter Sunrise Service

Sunday, April 5 at 9:30am Easter Resurrection Service with Holy Communion

***\$\$FINANCIALLY SPEAKING\$\$***

As we start the new year, it's important to know where the church stands financially. We closed 2025 with an ending balance of \$10,014.43. Our projected weekly income needs, according to budget estimates, will be \$3,750.00. This weekly income is dispersed to continue our mission and ministries – which includes Shares of Ministries, salaries, and outreach of Food Pantry, Manna Programs and projects that are in consideration for 2026. There will be an ongoing update in the Trinity Tidings throughout the year.



**Trinity Church has a QR Code!!**

We are making it convenient for you to tithe or make a donation when you can't be here, when you forget to grab cash or forget the checkbook. First you will need to download the Pay Pal App to your phone then scan this QR Code. It's that simple!!