

Trinity United Methodist Church

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

Rev. Ryan Gephart, pastor

Church Office 224-2815

Cell Phone: (570)850-6637

Trinity United Methodist Church

434 E. Main St.

Roaring Spring, PA 16673



Trinity Tidings

Roaring Spring, PA 16673

April/May 2025

"If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died." - 1 Corinthians 15:19-20

J. Paul Sampley (Professor of New Testament at Boston University) tells us in "The New Interpreter's Bible Commentary" that Christ's resurrection "was the transformative event that marked the turn of history and linked it directly to God's culminating but not yet finished purposes in all of creation. Christ's having been raised by God has as its consequence that others will be raised from the dead, and therefore that death will ultimately be defeated -- and all of this has credibility because every bit of it rests on God's power and purpose, neither of which can or will be qualified by human reticence, recalcitrance, or failure."

You hear that! Even if we mess up, resist at times, and fail; God's power and purpose that is on full display in the resurrection cannot be defeated. "Christ has been raised from the dead!" It is why I always say on Easter and will say it again this year that "because of the Resurrection, the worst thing is never the last thing" (often attributed to Frederick Buechner). As we have studied Habakkuk during the last three weeks of March, we have felt the pain of knowing God's full vision of justice has started but is not yet fulfilled. In our study, we have read that it can tarry and we have to wait, but God's vision will happen. The resurrection is a promise that we are not to be pitied as believers, we know that the resurrection was not just for Jesus but also a conquering of death and evil for us. That no matter what happens to us on this earth, the worst thing is never the last because the last thing will

always be the resurrection. The promise of new and eternal life. The fulfillment of God's vision! Thanks be to God!

We Christians have great hope! We have not been left to our own devices. Even when sin corrupts us, even when evil gains some ground, even when pain comes; Christ has come to sit with us in the midst of everything and has died & rose from the dead so that sin & evil are conquered (crucifixion) and pain & death are defeated (resurrection). My friends, may you know this Easter, that "because of the Resurrection, the worst thing is never the last thing!"

"Christ has been raised from the dead!" Hallelujah!

Pastor Ryan

OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS: Linda Acker, Paul Adams, Lennox Barnhart, Roger and Kay Bowser, Shelly Clapper, Lorie Davis, Mike & Tiffany Elliot (house fire), Glenda Fowler, Mike Galbraith, Sandy Garber, Ione Hammaker, Jeff Hetrick, Dick & Judy Hoover, Norm Hostetter, Pastor Evie Madison, Barbara Mingle, Doris Musselman Family, Barry & Connie Musselman, Margaret Robinson, Gary Shank, Katlyn Wren Somogyi, Christine Thompson, Bob & Dorothy VanNatta, Claudia Weise, Alta Wineland

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!!



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 Gobel, Andrew Gephart, Libby Green
- 14. Ralph Grove
- 15. Christine Thompson
- 17. Trevor Smith
- 25. Theo Lemin
- 29. Morgan Ebersole

A Time for the Young at Heart Presenters in Worship April - May 2025

Schedule:

- April 6: Dusty Bassler (Passion Sunday)
- April 13: Pastor Ryan (Palm Sunday)
- April 20: Kate Muthler (Easter)
- April 27: Doug Mingle or Jerry Green (Earth Day Sunday)
- May 4: Dusty Bassler (National Day of Prayer Sunday)
- May 11: Pastor Ryan (Mother's Day)
- May 18: Kate Muther (Graduate Recognition Sunday)
- May 25: Doug Mingle (Memorial Day Sunday)

The theme for the 2025 Annual Conference session is **"Believe... and see the Glory of God."** The theme is based on John 11:1-45 (the death and resurrection of Lazarus) with companion verses of Luke 1:47 (my spirit rejoices in God my savior) and Philippians 4:13 (I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me).

The 2025 Susquehanna Annual Conference Session will be held **Thursday, May 29 through Saturday, May 31, 2025** at Community Arts Center, Williamsport, Pa.

Upcoming Manna Meals:

- Saturday, April 12 5:00-6:00: Manna on Main Street
- Monday, April 28 12:00-1:00: Manna on Monday
- Saturday, May 10 5:00-6:00: Manna on Main Street

April 2 & May 7, 3:00-5:00: TUMC Food Distribution

***Non-perishable food donations can be placed in the box that sits in the hall near the main doors to the church office.**



Roaring Spring Ministerium
Opportunities for Worship
2025 Holy Week Schedule

Thursday, April 17:

Trinity UMC - Maundy/Holy Thursday Service
The Last Supper & Tenebrae - 7pm

- St. Luke's Lutheran - Meal and Worship - 5pm
- First Church of the Brethren - Love Feast and Communion - 6:30pm
- Christ Church - Maundy Thursday Service - 7pm



Friday, April 18:

St. Luke's Lutheran - Good Friday Worship - 7pm
(this service will include Trinity UMC)

- Christ Church - Good Friday Service - 2pm
- First Church of the Brethren - Sanctuary open for personal Meditation
7am to 7pm

Sunday, April 20:

Trinity UMC - Sunrise Service at Greenlawn Cemetery in
Roaring Spring - 6:30am
Trinity UMC - Easter Resurrection Service with Holy Communion
and Special Music - 9:30am

- 
- First Church of the Brethren - Easter Worship - 9:25am
 - St. Luke's Lutheran - Easter Worship - 9:45am
 - Christ Church - Easter Sunday Worship - 10:30am
- 

Youth/Young Adults (YPM ~ Young People's Ministry) April & May 2025

Sunday, April 6 - 5pm to 7pm: Disc Golf and Other Games/Board Games with Food & Devotions at Newry, PA Lions Club Field (this is the Disc Golf Course that Austin Bassler & Eli Muthler constructed for their Senior Project)

Off - Sunday, April 13 (Palm Sunday)

Off - Sunday, April 20 (Easter)

Sunday, April 27 - 5pm to 7pm: Dinner out with location selected by the winner of the NCAA tournament bracket challenge (Devotions to be part of the fellowship time)

Sunday, May 4 - 1pm or 5pm Start Time TBD: Curve Game with food there at 1pm or Disc Golf at a Course to be Selected and Other Games/Board Games at 1pm to 3pm or 5pm to 7pm with Food & Devotions

Off - Sunday, May 11 (Mother's Day)

Sunday, May 18 - 9:30am: Graduate Recognition Sunday in Worship with Church Potluck Brunch after Worship to celebrate the Graduates with the entire church; in the afternoon if the youth want to Disc Golf or other activities maybe at Canoe Creek State Park, that is a possibility

Off - Sunday, May 25 (Memorial Day Weekend)

Thursday, May 29 - 7pm: Baccalaureate Service at the High School for the Seniors and their families - Pastor Ryan will be preaching on our High School Seniors favorite scripture passages (John 14:6 & Philippians 4:13); TUMC is in charge of the Scriptures, Sermon, & Bulletins; other Churches are responsible for Music, Prayers, etc.



**If you have a graduate this year
(High School or College)
please let the church office know asap.**

Sunday School Schedule for April & May 2025 Sundays at 10:45am

Children, Youth, & Adult Sunday School every Sunday at 10:45am from Sunday, April 6 to Sunday, May 11, 2025

On Sunday, May 18, 2025 at 10:45am after Church Worship Service we will have a Potluck Brunch to celebrate the Graduates
All Sunday School Classes will attend the Brunch with the entire Congregation in the Fellowship Hall

Children & Youth Sunday School will go on its Summer Break from Sunday, May 25 to Sunday, August 31, 2025
We will resume Children & Youth Sunday School on Sunday, September 7, 2025

Adult Sunday School continues all throughout the Summer
(Sunday, May 25 to Sunday, August 31, 2025)

Reminder of Our Locations & Leaders:

Children's Sunday School meets in the 2 Children's Sunday School rooms upstairs in the Educational Wing,

lead teachers: Misty Gephart & Karen Green; helpers rotate each week

Misty & Karen are working to provide two classes
(older children & younger children)

Youth Sunday School meets in the 2 Youth Sunday School rooms upstairs in the Educational Wing, lead teacher: Pastor Ryan; helpers rotate each week

Adult Sunday School meets in the IHS Room downstairs near the Kitchen, lead teachers: Scott Muthler & Dusty Bassler; others teach at various times

Office Closed: April 18 & 21, May 26

Small Groups and Bible Study for April & May 2025

Wednesday, April 2: 10:30am ~ Bible Study in IHS Room on Habakkuk 2:1-5

Wednesday, April 9: 10:30am ~ Bible Study in IHS Room on Habakkuk 3:17-19
6pm ~ Polchito Small Group in IHS Room on Habakkuk 3:17-19

Monday, April 14: 6:30pm ~ McMullen Small Group at Their House on Chapter 7 of Staying Awake: The Gospel for Changemakers

Wednesday, April 16: 6pm ~ Polchito Small Group in IHS Room on John 13:1-17, 31-35

Wednesday, April 23: 6pm ~ Polchito Small Group in IHS Room on John 20:1-18

Monday, April 28: 6:30pm ~ McMullen Small Group at Their House on Chapter 8 of Staying Awake: The Gospel for Changemakers

Wednesday, April 30: 10:30am ~ Bible Study in IHS Room on John 13:1-17, 31-35

Wednesday, May 7: 10:30am ~ Bible Study in IHS Room on John 20:1-18
6pm ~ TBD Polchito Small Group in IHS Room

Monday, May 12: 6:30pm ~ McMullen Small Group at Their House on Chapter 9 of Staying Awake: The Gospel for Changemakers

Wednesday, May 14: 10:30am ~ Bible Study in IHS Room on Scripture Passage TBD
6pm ~ TBD Polchito Small Group in IHS Room

Monday, May 19: 6:30pm ~ McMullen Small Group at Their House on Epilogue of Staying Awake: The Gospel for Changemakers

Wednesday, May 21: 6pm ~ TBD Polchito Small Group in IHS Room

Cancer Support Group

Our Cancer Support Group has met twice, once in February & once in March. At the time of the publication of the Newsletter, we were still discerning our schedule for April & May.

Please pay attention to future announcements and bulletins for those meetings which will occur at least once each month and possibly twice.

Men's Fellowship will meet April 8th & May 13th

At 6:00 PM in fellowship for a meal.

All are welcome to join.

Women's Fellowship will meet at Roots in The Cove on April 8th at 5:30PM. Please join the women as they create planters for Spring. Bring your own containers or buy new ones at the greenhouse. The ladies will then enjoy refreshments at the church afterwards.



Women's Fellowship will host Manna On Main Street on April 12th.

Ladies Coffee & Conversation

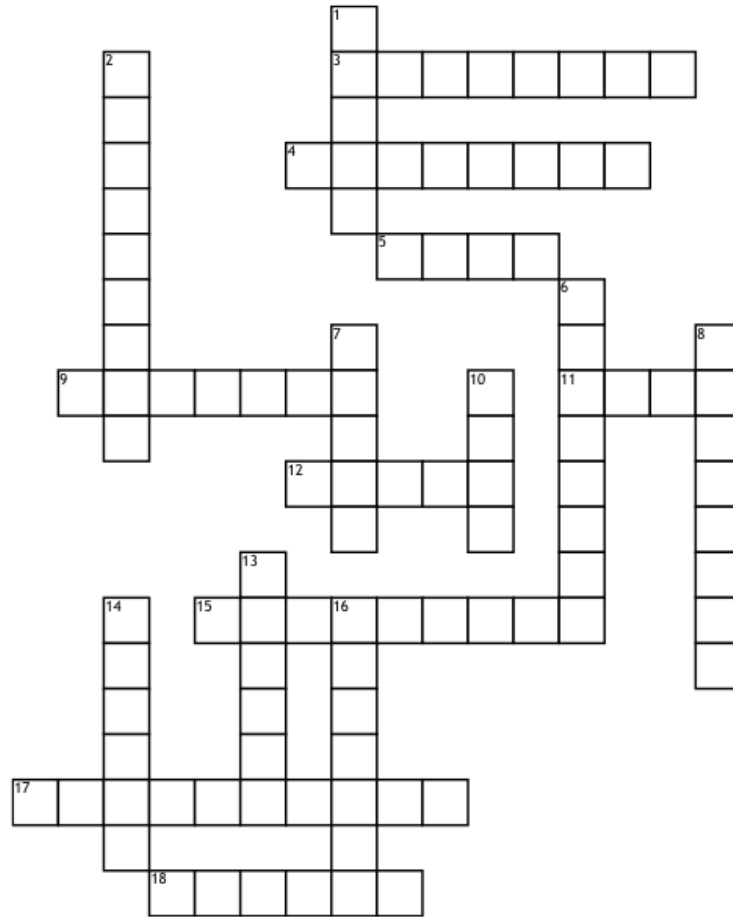
3rd Wednesday of the month

9:30 at The Vault in Roaring Spring



Imani Milele Children's Choir from Uganda will perform here at Trinity Church on Saturday, June 21 at 7:00 PM.

Holy Week



Across

- 3. Jesus was _____ of any crime (Matthew 27:4)
- 4. The place where Jesus died (Matthew 27:33)
- 5. Where they laid Jesus after he died (Matthew 27:60)
- 9. A title of Jesus (it means anointed one) (Matthew 27:17)
- 11. They made Jesus wear a scarlet _____ (Matthew 27:28)
- 12. This disciple denied Jesus 3 times (Matthew 26:69-75)
- 15. The 12 companions of Jesus

Down

- 1. The name of the man from Cyrene who carried Jesus' cross (Matthew 27:32)
- 2. Jesus and 2 thieves were _____ together (Matthew 27:38)
- 6. Prisoner set free instead of Jesus (Matthew 27:21)

- 7. At about _____ o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud shout
- 8. Judas Iscariot _____ Jesus (Matthew 27:4)
- 10. Mother of Jesus
- 13. The Roman Governor (Matthew 27:2)
- 14. Jesus was betrayed for _____ pieces of silver (Matthew 27:3)
- 16. The _____ hanging in the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom (Matthew 27:51)

- 17. The place Jesus went to pray after supper (Matthew 26:36)
- 18. Jesus wore a crown of _____ (Matthew 27:29)

April & May 2025 Sermon Topics & Scriptures

Passion Sunday (5th Sunday in Lent) ~ Sunday, April 6: The Cross Meditation including a Reading of The Passion of Christ (Isaiah 50:4-9a & Luke 22:14--23:56)

Palm Sunday ~ Sunday, April 13: The Palms (Luke 19:28-40 & Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 ~ UMH 839 with sung response #1)

Maundy/Holy Thursday Service of The Last Supper & Tenebrae ~ Thursday, April 17 @ 7pm: The Last Supper (Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35; & The Tenebrae Service with The Passion of Christ from The Gospel of John)

Easter Sunday ~ Sunday, April 20
 Sunrise Service at Greenlawn Cemetery in Roaring Spring @ 6:30am: The Empty Tomb (1 Corinthians 15:19-26 & Luke 24:1-12)
 Easter Resurrection Service with Holy Communion and Special Music @ normal 9:30am time: The Resurrection (Acts 10:34-43 & John 20:1-18)

Earth Day Sunday (2nd Sunday of Easter) ~ Sunday, April 27: The Appearance (Acts 5:27-32 & John 20:19-31)

National Day of Prayer Sunday (3rd Sunday of Easter) ~ Sunday, May 4: The Breakfast (Acts 9:1-6 & John 21:1-19)

Mother's Day (4th Sunday of Easter) ~ Sunday, May 11: The Shepherd (Acts 9:36-43 & John 10:22-30)

Graduate Recognition Sunday (5th Sunday of Easter) ~ Sunday, May 18: The Graduates ~ This Is The Way (Philippians 4:8-14 & John 14:1-7)

Memorial Day Sunday (6th Sunday of Easter) ~ Sunday, May 25: The Advocate (Acts 16:9-15 & John 14:23-29)