

Trinity United Methodist Church

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

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February/March 2025

Habakkuk Study for part of Lent/The Second Half of March 2025

"Look at the proud!

Their spirit is not right in them,

but the righteous live by their faithfulness." - Habakkuk 2:4

Christian theology throughout the centuries has been shaped by the letters of the Apostle Paul. Pauline soteriology (a fancy term for discussion about Paul's view of salvation) has shaped Christians and been a major topic amongst biblical scholars and theologians. One of the books of the Bible that helped Paul with his view of justification of or by God's grace is Habakkuk. In fact, Habakkuk 2:4 is quoted by Paul in Romans 1:16-17 and alluded to in Galatians 3:10-11. The Epistle to the Hebrews also references this verse in Hebrews 10:32-39. In referencing Habakkuk 2:4, The New Interpreter's Bible Commentary tells us that Paul uses this verse "for his theology, he does so to argue that salvation is a gift from God, gained not by faithfulness to the law, but by faith in Christ -- that is, belief in God's saving deed in Jesus. Such is the sense in which Paul uses Habakkuk 2:4 when he employs it as his theme text for the Letter to the Romans (Romans 1:16-17), and when he argues to the Galatians that no one is justified by obedience to the law but by faith in Christ (Galatians 3:10-11)."

All of the theological and commentary discussion on Habakkuk and Pauline soteriology leads to a major question we will examine during our three weeks of studying Habakkuk: "Who Will Be Saved?" Rev. Dr. William Willimon in his book on the topic challenges us in our thinking on salvation. One summary of his book states: "'Who will be saved?' is almost always a

question about them, and rarely about us. Thinking itself wrapped securely in the everlasting arms, the church has spent much of its history speculating on whether God will allow anyone else to join the party. But if we truly believe that salvation is God's business, and God's alone, then perhaps we should stop asking, 'Who will be saved?' and ask instead, 'How is God calling me to participate in the redemption of the world?'"

I believe that God is constantly challenging us to think about how we are called to live by our faith. Instead of judging who is in and who is out (God's business), we need to be about participating in God's redemptive work in the world. Our study of the minor prophet Habakkuk, will guide us in the journey of sharing grace and not judging if people deserve grace. I think we will be challenged as we dive in deep in our study of Habakkuk and salvation. I believe being challenged is good for our growth as Christians who are called to discipleship, inviting others to follow Jesus, and to the work of transforming the world.

As one looking forward to being challenged,
Pastor Ryan

OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS: Linda Acker, Paul Adams, Lennox Barnhart, Roger and Kay Bowser, Shelly Clapper, Lorie Davis, Morgan Ebersole (surgery), Luke Francisco, Glenda Fowler, Mike Galbraith, Ione Hammaker, Jeff Hetrick, Dick & Judy Hoover, Norm Hostetter, Pastor Evie Madison, Barbara Mingle, Bob & Doris Musselman, Barry & Connie Musselman, Margaret Robinson, Gary Shank, Monte Smith, Christine Thompson, Bob & Dorothy VanNatta, Claudia Weise, Dave & Alta Wineland



Anniversaries:

February

8. Barry & Connie Musselman

March

No Anniversaries

Birthdates:

February

4. Dave Wineland

10. Don Knisely

18. Ionne Hammaker

29 Luke Knisely (Leap Year)

March

2. Michael Weicht

4. Jalen Goins

5. Eli Muthler

7. Jane Smith

14. Fred Hetrick

16. LaRue Holt, Scott Muthler

19 Misty Gephart

21. JoEllen Mingle

23. Sarah Hetrick

24. Jim Hetrick

26. Donna Pote

31. Linda Felton

**Sunday School Schedule
February, March, April, & May 2025
Sundays at 10:45am**

February 9, 2025 to May 18, 2025

Adult Sunday School Continues through the summer after May 18, 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 teacher: Misty Gephart; helpers rotate each week

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

February & March 2025 Sermon Topics & Scriptures

UMC Scouting Sunday, Harvest Home for World Hunger Super (Souper) Bowl Sunday (Special Offering) & 5th Sunday after the Epiphany ~ Sunday, February 9: Scout Boating (1 Corinthians 15:1-11 & Luke 5:1-11)

New Members Joining & 6th Sunday after the Epiphany ~ Sunday, February 16: Blessings & Woes (1 Corinthians 15:12-20 & Luke 6:17-26)

Child Baptism & 7th Sunday after the Epiphany ~ Sunday, February 23: Defending God's Promises Not Seeking Retribution (Genesis 45:3-11, 15 & Luke 6:27-38)

Transfiguration Sunday ~ Sunday, March 2: A Reminder from Last Year's Anniversary Service (Exodus 34:29-35 & Luke 9:28-36)

Ash Wednesday ~ Wednesday, March 5 at 7pm: Ash Reflection (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 in Lent ~ Sunday, March 9: Chaotic Testing (Deuteronomy 26:1-11 & Luke 4:1-13)

2nd Sunday in Lent ~ Sunday, March 16: Book of Habakkuk Sermon Series ~ Chapter 1 (Psalm 27 ~ UMH 758-759 with sung response & Habakkuk 1)

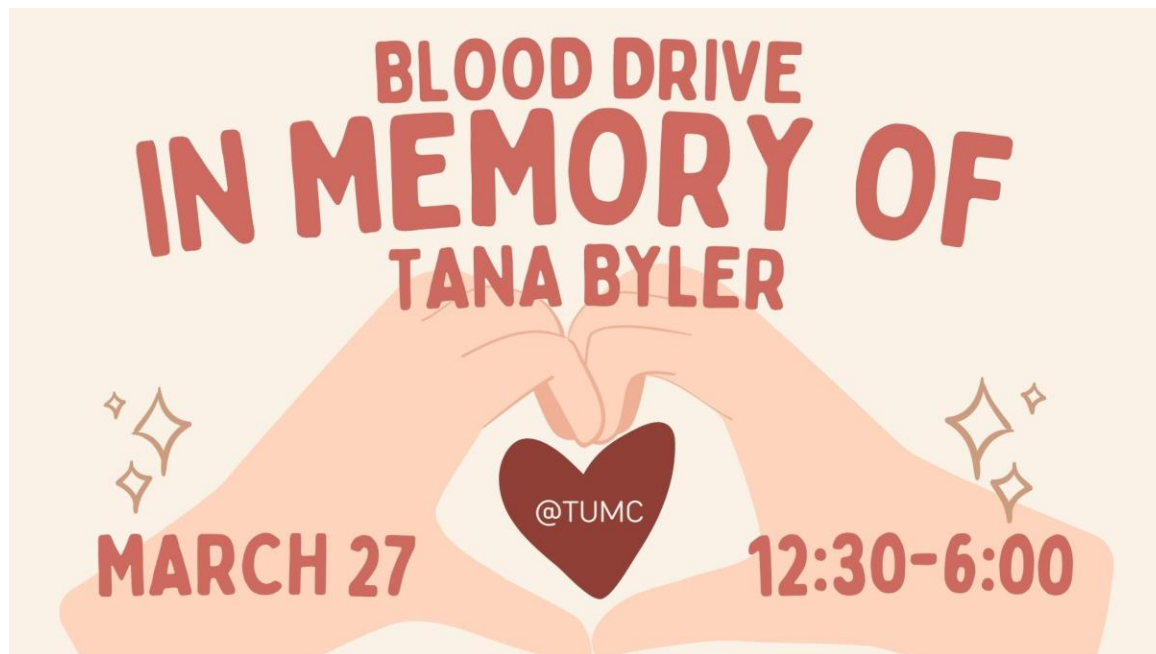
3rd Sunday in Lent ~ Sunday, March 23: Book of Habakkuk Sermon Series ~ Chapter 2 (Psalm 63:1-8 ~ UMH 788 with sung response & Habakkuk 2:1-5)

UMCOR Sunday (Special Offering) & 4th Sunday in Lent ~ Sunday, March 30: Book of Habakkuk Sermon Series ~ Chapter 3 (Psalm 32 ~ UMH 766 with sung response & Habakkuk 3:17-19)

The church office will be closed:

Monday, February 17th to observe Presidents' Day and closed Friday, February 21st

March 5th, 3:00-5:00: TUMC Food Distribution



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

Schedule:

1st Sunday of each month: Dusty Bassler

2nd Sunday of each month: Pastor Ryan

3rd Sunday of each month: Kate Muthler

4th Sunday of each month: Doug Mingle

5th Sunday of the month: Misty Gephart



Youth/Young Adults (YPM ~ Young People's Ministry) February & March 2025

Possible February 9, 2025 event if interest in a pre or during Super Bowl Party
Depends on if youth have family plans

Sunday, February 16, 2025 from 5pm to 7pm - Fun Activities at the Church with
Subs & Wings along with prayer & devotions

Sunday, March 2, 2025 meet at 5pm at Applebee's, Altoona for Applebee's Night
(will need to coordinate rides)

Sunday, March 23, 2025 from 5pm to 7pm - NCAA Basketball Tournament Watching
Party with Fun Activities at the Church with Pizza & Wings along with
prayer & devotions

****April & May 2025** - Hoping to Have Disc Golf Youth Schedule and maybe a day trip
to a Disc Golf Course Depending on the Youth & Their Families Schedules**



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!!

Manna on Main Street: March 8th, 5:00-6:00 PM

We are still looking for a host/hostess for the upcoming months:
May, June, August, September & October

Men's Fellowship will meet February 11th & March 11th.

Women's Fellowship will meet March 4th.

The Men's & Women's group both begin at 6:00 PM.

SHROVE TUESDAY & ASH WEDNESDAY

Shrove Tuesday Dinner: March 4th - 5:00-6:30 PM
(We are looking for someone to take charge of this meal)

Ash Wednesday Worship Service: March 5th at 7:00 PM

Small Groups and Bible Study for February & March 2025

McMullen Small Group Meeting at their house on Mondays at 6:30pm:
February 10, 24 and March 10, 17, 24, 31

Pastor Ryan's Bible Study Meeting in the IHS Room on Wednesdays at 10:30am:
February 5, 12 and March 5, 12

Polchito Small Group Meeting in the IHS Room on Wednesdays at 6pm:
March 12, 19, 26

*We are working on a **Cancer Support Small Group** to begin in early February, details are still being worked out for "Journey of Hope" Group*

We would like to add another group for Lent in March & April, unsure if it will happen, details to come