

# Trinity Tidings

Roaring Spring, PA 16673

April 2021

*Christ is risen!*

*Christ is risen indeed!*

*This is the joyous proclamation we make on Easter! When you attend the Easter service in an orthodox congregation, the priest shouts out, "Christ is risen!" and the congregation shouts back, "He is risen indeed!" Not once, not twice, but throughout the service, the call and response, made with joy.*

At one time in our history, the Methodists were known for exuberant, joyful worship. Are we excited about our faith? Do we rejoice in the good news that Christ is risen? If we have the windows open, can our neighbors hear our joy-filled singing??

Now, I will be honest. There wasn't much shouting happening in the Methodist church in which I was raised. I am honestly not sure how our pastor would have responded! But what have we lost by becoming more "proper?" It is one question we might ponder.

"Ask me what great thing I know, that delights and stirs me so," is the question one hymn asks. Are we ready, always ready, to share the hope in which we live? There are many people who are living without hope. But, as Paul reminds us in Thessalonians, we have hope – "Since we believe that Jesus died and rose, so we also believe that God will bring with him those who have died in Jesus." (1 Thessalonians 4:14). This is what it means to proclaim, "He is risen indeed!" This is the word of hope.

We spend Holy Week remembering the sacrifice Christ made. We are reminded in Philippians 2 that Jesus, who was one with God, chose to humble himself, chose to become human, and, as a final act of obedience, suffered death on a cross. Join us for worship on Maundy Thursday at 7:30 and for a Tenebrae service at St. Luke's Lutheran on Good Friday at 7 PM. Remember the suffering, the passion of Christ.

Then join with us on April 4<sup>th</sup> as we celebrate the Resurrection. This is a day of great joy and hope, a day that gives us our identity. Sunrise Services are being held at Bare Memorial Church of God or up at the cemetery at 6:30 AM. We will worship at Trinity at 9:30 AM, a service that will be live-streamed and at 11:30AM.

Include worship in your plans for Easter!

Pastor Evie

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## ***What's Happening in the United Methodist Church?***

Join Pastor Evie for a time of discussion about the United Methodist Church. As many of you may know, the 2020 General Conference was postponed until this fall. Now it is postponed until 2022. In the meantime, the discussions about our future as a denomination continue. The decisions about dividing the denomination, changing the way we operate, all the “what ifs” are still on the table and more ideas get added on a regular basis.

- What are the key issues? What is the history of the issues being discussed?
- What is the Book of Discipline anyway??
- What are some of the proposals? What is involved if a congregation asks to disaffiliate?
- What is the Trust Clause?

I am sure there are many other questions you have and, while I won't have an answer for everything, let's sit down and discuss the situation. Once your questions are shared, I can always search for an answer (if one exists!!).

In order to have a productive discussion, I want to limit each group to about 10 people. Sign-up sheets will be in the back of the church or you can call the church office. If none of these times are convenient, let me know and we can arrange an alternate time.

Each meeting will be in-person, but I can also make any meeting available via ZOOM.

Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>: 11 AM (Round room)  
Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>: 11 AM (Fellowship Hall)  
Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>: 7 PM (Round room)  
Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>: 1 PM (Fellowship Hall)

Additional times and follow-up sessions will be added as needed.

Pastor Evie

**OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS:** Linda Acker, Lois Adams, Brielle (Meghan Brown's cousin), Richard Butler, Lorie Davis, Tom Detwiler, Doris Ferry, Nancy Hamil, Wib Hite Family, Shawn Hollern, Ruth Imler, Barbara Mingle, Evelyn Mock, Bob & Doris Musselman, Connie Musselman, Ron & Pat Muthler, Robin Stern, Bob & Dorothy VanNatta, Roger Webb, Families affected by the papermill shut down, Family and friends affected by Covid,

**Beginning in April, we will continue to hold a worship service in the Fellowship Hall at 1 PM on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month.**



**April Birthdays**

- 2. Tammy Keith**
- 3. Norm Hostetter**
- 6. Janet Hamm**
- 9. Mel Edmundson**
- 11. Connie Musselman**
- 17. Donna Pote**
- 18. Steve Pote**



**April Anniversaries**

- 7. Jerry & Karen Green**
- 17. Wade & Dee Rodland**
- 18. Larry & Heidi Hoffner**

*Do we have your birthdate? Do we have your anniversary date?  
If not, please add your dates to the list on the table in the back of the sanctuary.*

*2021 Graduates*

*Do you have a child that graduated in December or will be graduating in May or June? If so, please let Fred Hetrick or the office know.*



**Work Day at TUMC - April 24<sup>th</sup>**

We plan to work on the flower beds outside of Fellowship Hall. Have you noticed any areas in the building that need some tender, loving care? Please let Neil Gartland or Pastor Evie so that we can keep a list for the Spring Work Day. We will post the list so that, if you have time other than Saturday and want to tackle a project, you know what we need to get done.





## **Holy Week 2021**

### **Schedule of Events**

March 28<sup>th</sup> - 9:30am - Palm Sunday Worship Service - In person & FB Live

March 31<sup>st</sup> - 6:00pm - Prayer Walk - In person

April 1<sup>st</sup> - 7:30pm - Maundy Thursday Service - In person & FB Live

April 2<sup>nd</sup> - 7:00pm - Tenebrae Service - St. Luke's Luth. - In person & FB Live

April 4<sup>th</sup> - 6:30am - Easter Sunrise Service - Bare Memorial Church of God

6:30am - Easter Sunrise Service - Greenlawn Cemetery

9:30am - Easter Worship Service - In person & FB Live

11:30am - Easter Worship Service - In person

***Masks and Social Distancing required at all events, including outside events.***



### **Wednesday, March 31**

An ecumenical time for prayer in our community. Join us for a 2-mile prayer walk around our community to pray for the whole of God's people. The walk will begin at the Spring Dam then we will continue to several places: Borough Office, Police Station, Friendship Fire Co., Greenlawn Cemetery, Food Bank, Library, Appvion, R.S. Paper Products & R. S. Water. You may join us at any point during the walk.

Walking or driving is permitted.

We will meet at the Spring Dam at 6:00pm to begin the time of prayer and meditation.

*New Banners for the Sanctuary: As you may have noticed, a couple new banners have been purchased to update the sanctuary. Families are buying them in honor or in memory of someone special. We will attach a tag to each flag in remembrance of who it's for and who bought it. If you would like to look through a catalog we have one in the office or you can look online at [www.PraiseBanners.com](http://www.PraiseBanners.com). Pastor Evie or Sandy Polchito can give you more information about what flags need replaced or added to our collection.*



# Area Code 814

As of April 3, anyone attempting to make a call in the 814 area code using only seven digits (without the area code) will receive a recorded message prompting them to hang up and redial the call using the full ten-digit number (area code plus 7-digit phone number).

To begin preparing for 10-digit dialing, consumers and businesses are encouraged to check devices that store telephone numbers – including cell phones and other devices with “speed dial” functions – to be certain that all the stored contacts include the area code. Moving forward, when adding any new numbers to those devices, be sure you include the area code.

It is essential to double-check devices like medical alert systems, alarms, and any other systems that automatically make calls, to be certain they are set up for 10-digit dialing.

Devices that should be checked to verify they are configured for 10-digit dialing, include:

- Mobile phones, landline phones & tablets and fax machines that can save/store phone number
- Life-safety & medical alert systems.
- Alarm/security systems and security gates.



## **DHS Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)**

### **Who Can Apply:**

A tenant who owes back rent or struggling to pay rent that has been directly or indirectly impacted by COVID-19

A landlord with a tenant who owes back rent or struggling to pay rent that has been directly or indirectly impacted by COVID-19

Or a household with occupancy of a rental property who has been directly or indirectly impacted by COVID-19 and is struggling to pay for utilities such as electricity, gas, water/sewage, trash removal, and heating.

### **How to Apply:**

\*Call Blair County Community Action at (814)946-3651 ext. 139

\*Go to COMPASS website: <https://www.compass.state.pa.us/compass.web/Public/CMPHome>,  
under Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)

\*Stop by the office at 2301 Beale Ave., Altoona PA to pick up an application

USDA Farmers to Families

March 27, April 10 & 24

10:30am TUMC Parking Lot

We had a great turnout on March 13<sup>th</sup>. Distribution went very quickly. We will possibly be getting more boxes next time but to ensure that you get a box be prepared to come early.

\*Each box has a mixture of fresh and non-perishable items and weighs about 30 pounds.

\*No income restrictions



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## **Trinity United Methodist Church**

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

*2nd Worship Service every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 2:00p.m. in Fellowship Hall*

*Face masks are required.*

*We also practice social distancing in the sanctuary.*

Rev. Evelyn Madison, pastor

Church office 224-2815