

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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April/May 2026

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ.

As we journeyed through Lent, we were reminded again and again that prayer is not simply one more task in the life of a disciple. Prayer is the heartbeat of the Christian life. It roots us in God's presence, opens our lives to God's sustaining love, and draws us into the life of the One who makes all things new.

Through prayer, we participate in God's life. Through prayer, we allow God to participate in ours. And outside of this relationship—our relationship with God through Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit—we can do nothing.

This truth feels especially urgent in a season when so much in our nation and world is distressed. We are walking through deep division, rising violence, racial injustice, attacks on vulnerable communities, economic anxiety, and a public discourse shaped by fear and mistrust. In such a climate, cynicism can feel easier than hope.

But Easter interrupts cynicism. Easter silences despair. Easter declares that death does not get the last word, God does.

On the first day of the week, when the women approached the tomb expecting death, they found instead the blazing announcement of heaven: "He is not here. He is risen."

The resurrection is God's definitive answer to the world's deepest prayers—the prayer for healing, the prayer for justice, the prayer for peace, the prayer for new life.

And here is the astonishing truth of Easter: The risen Christ now invites us to become part of God's answer. We pray—and then, transformed and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we rise from our knees to love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously in a world longing for hope.

This is not a hollow optimism. This is resurrection power. This is the Spirit of the living Christ at work in us and through us.

So, this Easter, I invite you to do more than celebrate the empty tomb. I invite you to embody it.

Where there is division—be a bridge. Where there is fear—be a presence of peace. Where there is injustice—be a voice for righteousness. Where there is loneliness—be a companion. Where there is despair—be a witness to hope. Where there is suffering—be a sign of Christ’s healing love. Let your life become a living Amen to the prayers of the world.

As we renew our commitment to prayer, may we also renew our commitment to action—not action rooted in anxiety or striving, but action rooted in resurrection, action rooted in the Spirit’s power, action rooted in the love of the God who makes all things new.

My prayer this Easter is simple and bold: that we, the people of the Susquehanna and Upper New York Area, would become the answers to the prayers we pray— disciples who love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously, so that lives and communities are transformed through Christ’s healing and liberating love.

Christ is risen. Christ is with us. Christ is at work in us and through us. Alleluia. Amen.

Bishop Héctor A. Burgos Núñez

The United Methodist Church Serving the Susquehanna and Upper New York Episcopal Area

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

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

- 02. Tammy Keith
- 04. John Ross Green
- 06. Janet Hamm, Rihan Shafer Patel
- 09. Mel Edmundson
- 11. Connie Musselman

May

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



Adult Small Groups, Bible Study Schedule & Topics for April & May 2026

Bible Study ~

Wednesdays at 10:30am in the IHS Classroom

April 1, 8, & 29 and May 6, 13, & 27

Studying the Gospel Stories of The Gospel of John

(Anybody is welcome to join)

(Talk to Pastor Ryan - Group led by Pastor Ryan)

Ladies' Coffee & Conversation ~

April 15 at 11:30am: Stars & Stripes 220 (Ed's Steakhouse)

Meet at Ace Hardware at 11:00am to carpool

May 20 at 9:30am: Honey B's

Polchito Small Group in the IHS Classroom ~

Wednesdays at 3pm: April 8 & 22 and May 13 & 27

Studying the 12 Extraordinary Women of the Bible

(Anybody is welcome to join as they are starting a new study)

(Talk to Sandy Polchito - Group led by Sandy Polchito & Melissa Hetrick)

McMullen Small Group @ The McMullens ~

Thursdays at 6:30pm: April 9 & 23 and May 14

Studying the Book "Separation of Church and Hate"

(Anybody is welcome to join)

(Talk to Mike & Laurie McMullen - Group led by Mike & Laurie McMullen)

Graystone Small Group @ Graystone 2nd Floor ~

Thursdays at 1:30pm: April 9 and May 14

Studying Easter (April) & Ascension (May)



Schedule for A Time for the Young at Heart Presenter

April 5: Dusty Bassler

April 12: Kate Muthler

April 19: Jerry Green

April 26: Ryan Gephart

May 3: Dusty Bassler

May 10: Kate Muthler

May 17: The Confirmands & Pastor Ran

May 24: Doug Mingle

May 31: Misty Gephart

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 and join

On the Third Sunday of the Month, the Class goes to Graystone to be with the members of the Class that live at Graystone (Talk to Scott Muthler, Pat Muthler, or Dusty Bassler for more information)

April & May 2026

Sermon Topics, Special Offerings, & Scriptures TUMC

Easter Sunday ~ Sunday, April 5: "Because of The Resurrection, The Worst Things Are Never The Last" (Colossians 3:1-4 & Matthew 28:1-10)
Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, Lead Courageously – UMC Miracle Sunday Worship Series

"This six-week worship series invites congregations around the world to journey together through the heart of Christian discipleship. At its center is a simple but transformative truth: disciples of Jesus Christ are shaped, empowered, and sent by God to bless the world. Each week explores a core dimension of discipleship—being formed by Christ, empowered by the Spirit, loving boldly, serving joyfully, leading courageously, and ultimately joining God in transforming the world." - UMC Statement of What This Series, uniting 30,000 congregations world-wide, is about for the time period of April 12 to May 17, 2026 (We will do this series till May 31 as we will take May 3 & 24 off and incorporate our Miracle Sunday with Confirmation & Ascension Sunday)

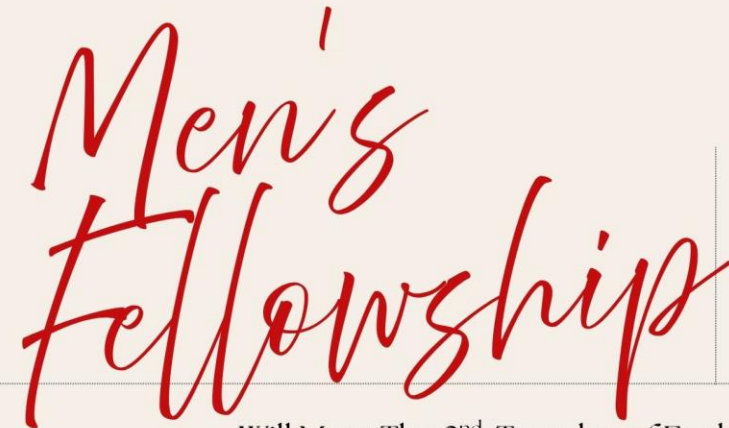
2nd Sunday of Easter ~ Sunday, April 12: "Disciples Formed by Jesus Christ" (Psalm 119:1-8 & Luke 5:1-11)

3rd Sunday of Easter & Earth Day Sunday (Festival of God's Creation) ~ Sunday, April 19: "Disciples Empowered by the Holy Spirit" (Colossians 2:6-10 & John 10:10)

4th Sunday of Easter ~ Sunday, April 26: "Love Boldly" (Leviticus 19:9-18 & Mark 12:28-34)

5th Sunday of Easter ~ Sunday, May 3: To Be Determined (Pastor away)

6th Sunday of Easter & Mother's Day (Festival of the Christian Home) ~ Sunday, May 10: "Serve Joyfully" (Psalm 100 & Mark 10:42-45)



Men's Fellowship

Will Meet The 2nd Tuesday of Each Month
at 6:00 PM in Fellowship Hall.
All Are Welcome to Join the Men!



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

TUESDAY, APRIL 7TH

5:30 PM

ROOTS IN THE COVE

The women will meet afterwards at the church for refreshments
*Next Meeting in May: DATE TBD – Cleaning Day

April & May 2026
Children's 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.

The children will have an Easter Egg Hunt as part of Sunday School on Easter Sunday, April 5th, 2026 at 10:45am

Confirmation Class 2025-2026

Our Last Confirmation Class is Sunday, April 19 from 5pm to 7pm
Confirmation Sunday Practice is To Be Determined in May.

Confirmation Sunday is Sunday, May 17 at 9:30am with Confirmands to show up at 9am to be ready for the service.

*We will have a Celebration Potluck Brunch after Church to Celebrate the Confirmands joining Trinity UMC.



Sunday, May 31st

Graduate Recognition with a reception at 10:45 AM.

***Please let Lisa or Fred know if you have a senior this year.**

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

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

Young Adult Sunday School ~ Working to see if we can have a class this year or start in the fall

Youth/Young Adults (YPM ~ Young People's Ministry) will be every Second Sunday

Dates for this cycle:

April 12 at Noon ~ Annual Lunch Out after Church at Aki & Sunday School

May Date & Time ~ To Be Determined

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

Acolyte Schedule for April, May 2026

- April 5: Austin Bassler
- April 12: Jesse Muthler
- April 19: Olivia Sollenberger
- April 26: Andy Bassler
- May 3: Mason Hershberger
- May 10: Isaiah Gartland
- May 17: Olivia Sollenberger
- May 24: Jesse Muthler
- May 31: Andy Bassler





**Manna on Main Street Schedule for April to December 2026
Second Saturdays of every month (except for November)
5pm to 6pm**

- Apr. 25, 2026: Women's Fellowship
- May 9, 2026: Mel Edmundson
- Jun. 13, 2026: Fred & Gordon Hetrick
- Jul. 11, 2026: Jo Ellen Mingle
- Aug. 8, 2026: *Need a Leader/Volunteer*
- 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

Manna on Monday ~ April 27 ~ 12:00-1:00 (last one until September)
Food Distribution ~ May 6 ~ 3:00-4:00
Summer Lunch ~ June 1 ~ 12:00-1:00 (Ends August 21)

Confirmation Sunday, Miracle Sunday, & Ascension Sunday ~ Sunday, May 17:
"Lead Courageously, Statements about Our Confirmands" (Ephesians 6:10-18 & Acts 1:1-11) ~ Confirmands will join the Church & make Their Profession of Faith; We will also collect a Special Offering for
Miracle Sunday (Miracle Sunday Campaign, a global effort to strengthen theological education in Africa, Europe, and the Philippines. By equipping pastors, teachers, and lay leaders, the Church invests in leaders who will guide communities with wisdom, compassion, and courage. Every United Methodist Church is encouraged to receive an offering on May 17, 2026 to support theological education in Africa, Europe and the Philippines.) --> *We will also have a Celebration Potluck Brunch after Church to Celebrate the Confirmands joining Trinity UMC.*

Pentecost Sunday ~ Sunday, May 24: "The Fire of Renewal" (John 7:37-39 & Acts 2:1-21)

Graduate Recognition, Trinity Sunday, & Peace with Justice Sunday (Special Offering) ~ Sunday, May 31: "Disciples Transform the World" (Psalm 96 & Matthew 28:16-20) --> We will have a Reception in the Round Room for the Graduates & the entire church after Church to Celebrate them.

\$\$FINANCIALLY SPEAKING\$\$

The update for the first thirteen weeks of income is \$37,544.00 (\$2,888.00 weekly). Again, our projected weekly income needs according to budget estimates is \$3,750.00. The first thirteen weeks is actually only twelve as we went remote for January 25 due to weather. Therefore, our weekly accumulated shortfall through thirteen weeks is \$11,206.00 or \$862.00 weekly.



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