

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT TRINITY

### Thursday (2/18)

5:00 Community Table.  
6:30 Cub Scouts.  
6:30 Education Comm.

### Friday (2/19)

6:00 A.A.  
6:00 Rehearsal.

### Saturday (2/20)

3:30 Wedding.  
7:00 Meth. Anonymous.

## Devotional and Luncheon

Again this year we will celebrate Lent with a worship service and Lenten Luncheon. Each Wednesday through March 31 we will have a short worship service in the sanctuary beginning at 12:05 p.m. and then go to our Fellowship Hall for our lunch. This is a community event and we encourage everyone to come and participate in this annual event as we get ready for Easter.

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Director of Children & Families: Sonja Richards -- Youth Director: Jon Zinnel -- Church Secretary: Hazel Mapes



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During Lent we will be following the times above. Please make note of these times and join us Sunday morning!!

## Men's Tuesday night Bible Study

### Meets Weekly

Men's Bible Study on Tuesday Night @ 6:30. We will use the video resource "That the World may Know - The Promised Land." This study will be taught from the Biblical sights, with Bible teacher Ray Vander Laan. We will discover how God guided his people to a specific place - the Promised Land - to impact the world both ancient and today. (Standing at the crossroads @ Tel Gezer, Wet feet @ Jordan River, First fruits @ Tel Jericho, Confronting evil @ Tel Beth Shemesh, and Iron of culture @ Tel Azekah)

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**OUR PURPOSE STATEMENT:** Trinity Church is a people exalting God, growing in discipleship, reaching our community while caring and serving as Jesus did.

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## Sundays at Trinity

**8:15 TRADITIONAL WORSHIP**

**9:15 FELLOWSHIP IN NARTHEX**

**9:30 SMALL GROUPS**

**10:39 MODERN WORSHIP**

**4:30 YOUTH**

**4:30 SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE**

**6:30 AL-A-NON**

**7:00 AA MEETING**

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### MMM...Good

No, it's not Campbell's Soup! But it is homemade bread. The Peacemakers (Elementary Youth Group) will be selling homemade bread on Sunday mornings during Lent.

It is hard to believe that Lent is upon us. Lent is a season that many participate in spiritual practices, looking to grow in their relationship with God. Some will, or have by this time, give something up during this season as an act of sacrifice and penitence. Others will be more intentional in their worship attendance and spiritual practices (such as Bible and devotional reading, helping others, etc.), and others will let this time go by like it were any other time, and make no adjustments. The reality this is a little microcosm of everyday life.

There is nothing magical about Lent. It is simply a 40-day period, minus Sundays (as our info about Lent said). God will still love us whether we make any adjustments or not. However, the issue in our spiritual growth journey is not about how much God loves us. That was established in John 3:16-17. The issue is how much do we love God, through Jesus? How much are we growing in our love for God, and being empowered by God's Spirit, not our desires?

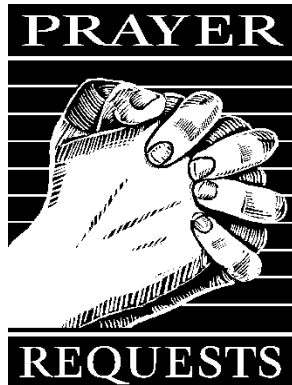
The challenge I have for you is not so much in the details of Lent, but in your heart, as we enter into Lent. What will you do this season that will help you grow in your love for God, and neighbors? Our Wesleyan heritage calls this growing in grace (the more fancy terms are Christian Perfection and Sanctification - but essentially they mean how are we growing in our love for God and neighbor). For some giving something up reminds them of God's sacrifice. For others they will pick something up during Lent, and add a new dimension to their walk with God. I encourage you to do something this season to grow in grace, do not let these days pass, and do nothing in your spiritual walk with God.



As a church, we are doing something a little bit different this year during Lent to remind us of the two-pronged aspect of growing in grace. We will take four weeks to reflect prayerfully on our spiritual growth, starting Sunday, February 21. Then on the fifth week (March 21), we will do acts of love and service for our neighbors, during the time we usually set aside for worship in the sanctuary.

This Lent, we will actively participate in Matthew 22:36-40 - loving God AND neighbor! It takes both. Then our love for God grows, our neighbors are able to experience God's love in tangible ways through God's people, and we will have made a difference in our community.

Growing with you!  
Pastor Scott



Terina Abel, Phil Alexander, Gertrude Arnold, The Family of Julia Atz, Anna Bailey, Eden Banks, Charlotte Bedson, Maxine Berhalter, Kyle Bloom, Jean Bonecutter, The Family of Kim Bontrager, Sandra Boulby, Floyd Burnworth, Kitty Burnworth, Virginia Buttermore, Jim Chaffins, Diane Claybaugh, Jan Corbin, Fred Cornett, Del & Mary Cortner's son, Eleanor Davis, Diehl Family, Ben Earley,

Marvin Fager, Donni Frain, Beth Friskney, Jason Gienger, Oryan Gipson, Todd Gipson, Sarah Grismore, Mac and Helen Grossman, Doug Haddock, Beth Hager, Wayne Hartigan, David Haskins, Raven Hensley, Brad Huff, Kathy James, Mike Johnson, The Family of Phil Johnson, The Family of Bart Kile, Virginia Kirschner, Todd Kline, The Family of Ben Kreigh, Lois Kruger, Evan Lash, Kara Lilly, Kenneth Marks, Luella McClish, Austin McCormick, Cindy Mercer, Peggy Messer, The Family of Marceille Mitchell, Phil Ogden, Annie Pratt, Patricia Faye Pulis, Mary Pyle, Ashley Rhinehart, Evelyn Rice, Martha Ringler, Betty Rinker, Adam Ross, Nanette Russell, The family of Bernard Savoie, Justin Scher, Kim Shatto, Joan Shippy, The Family of Bettie Smith, Jeff Sonne (Auto accident), Karen Steelman, Sean Tarney, Tina Terry, Bob Vale, Deena Vale, Betty VanWinkle, The Family of Edwin Winstrom, Becky & Emily Winstrom, Vi Woujas, Sharon Woods, Cousin, Jerry, with Colon Cancer, Brother who has cancer; Grandson who has brain cancer, Mom who is in hospital with heart problems, Sister who fractured her shoulder, Myself, Son and Daughter, my Mother-in-law with Parkinson's, My Family, Tammy, Father-in-law, Someone going through many changes in their life, Friend going through tough situations, A Job for my Sons and all in need of work, My Mom, Sister—Jean—In Indianapolis who has lost job and is currently unemployed, The people affected by the Earthquake in Haiti.

## Common Grace Report

During December Common Grace received 57 applications for people in Noble County needing financial assistance for utilities and other emergencies. A total of \$10,071.65 was given out -- or an average of \$219 per family.

In January we assisted 63 families and \$6,477.52 was contributed to these families in need. This was \$102.81 average per family.

## Noble County's Got Talent

On Sunday, March 7, from 4:00-5:30 p.m. Common Grace is sponsoring a talent night in Cole Auditorium. This will include vocalists, dancers, bands and theatrics.

There will be no charge, but donations will be accepted for Common Grace.

Refreshments will also be served. This will be great family fun!!!

## The Church Has Left The Building!



Join with our whole Trinity Church family for ReThinking Church – Putting our Faith into Action during Lent, beginning on Sunday,

February 21. During these four weeks in Lent we will focus on biblical compassion, service and Christ's heart for those in need through special small groups, daily devotionals and worship services. Then be a part of a landmark day in Trinity's history, when on March 21 we cancel all worship services and instead go worship through service in the community. Actually we will have a short "Launch" worship service to send us from within the walls out into our community.

We will be serving through these projects, all designed to directly touch lives and reflect Christ's love to others in our community: some that we are coordinating and finalizing details will be – making curtains for Lakewood, - cleaning up the cabins and camp at Lakewood, - possibly helping Common Grace with their new facility, - assembling Health Kits to be sent to Haiti and other places, - Prayer walking the neighborhood of the church building, - parking lot window cleaning. As you can see, there's a project for everyone, and we are shooting for 100% participation.

Sign ups for small groups has been happening, and sign ups for the service projects will be available as soon as details are confirmed. Faith in Action Participant Kits, which will guide you through the small group discussion as well as daily FaithStep devotions, are available now for \$7.00. Small Groups start the week of February 21.

We are not just serving the community, but serving with the community. So please begin now to ask God which family members, friends or neighbors you should invite to join our service projects on March 21. Together we can make a difference in our community!

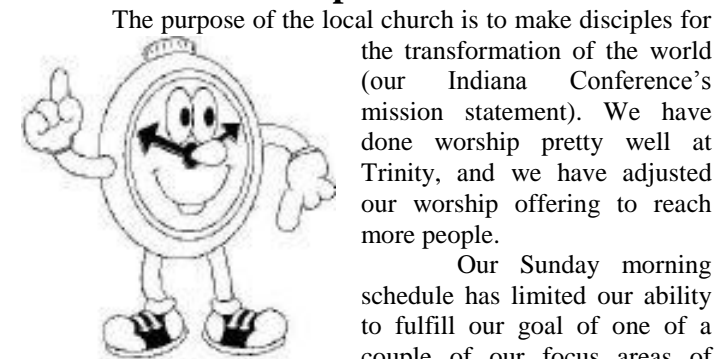
Don't just go to church—BE the church as we ReThink Church, and put our Faith into Action during Lent. For more information, contact the pastor or staff member, or the office for the appropriate contact person for the respective need.

For more information how this coordinates with the national UMC campaign and focus, feel free to visit [www.10thousanddoors.org](http://www.10thousanddoors.org).

## Visit Us on the Web

Have you had a chance to visit Trinity's website? We invite you to go to our website and check it out. The website address for the church is: [/www.trinitychurchum.org/](http://www.trinitychurchum.org/).

## New Worship Times in Lent.



The purpose of the local church is to make disciples for the transformation of the world (our Indiana Conference's mission statement). We have done worship pretty well at Trinity, and we have adjusted our worship offering to reach more people.

Our Sunday morning schedule has limited our ability to fulfill our goal of one of a couple of our focus areas of helping Trinity in the area of discipleship. This has been discussed and a concern for many years, since our Sunday School hour is really about 35-40 minutes if all went perfectly on Sunday morning and all made their way to class, and started on time. In an effort to provide disciple study time (the purpose of Sunday School) the Worship Committee, The Education Committee proposed to the Church Council the time adjustment. This was unanimously approved to help us better reach our purpose as a church to reach and make disciples. In an effort to do this, we will "experiment" during Lent, and a few weeks after, with the time change. We will assess this during the weeks following Lent, with your help.

The proposal and decision is to move the worship times slightly on each side, to give the education time a good hour. This also allows for less hurried fellowship time as well. Starting this Sunday, February 21, the Traditional Worship time will be 8:15am and the Modern worship time will be 10:39am with the Sunday School small groups starting at 9:30am. The Worship committee picked these times based on our current patterns and being "fair" to all.

The 10:39 time was selected as it ties into Nehemiah 10:39 which says, "39 ... 'We promise together not to neglect the Temple of our God.'" It seemed to be an appropriate passage that speaks of one of our membership vows and commitments as church members.

## CAMPING NEWS

The education committee would like to offer everyone the opportunity to get involved in camp.

### Sponsor a child to go camp

We ask our parents to pay half of the camp cost. So, you would help with the other half which is a maximum of \$208.00 for a full sponsorship. A half sponsorship would be \$104.00. A quarter sponsorship would be \$52.00. Lastly, an eight would be \$26.00.

### Quarters for camping

In the narthex there is a basket of old film containers. Take one of those containers and fill it up with quarters. Once it is full bring it in to the church office or put it in the offering plate on Sunday morning.

### Cottage fund

You may make donations to the Trinity Foundation that will go towards the principle of the cottage fund.

## Caring for Our Shut-Ins



**Chandler House--2879 S. Lima Road, Kendallville**  
Haig & Madonna Kacherian

**Kendallville Manor--1802 E. Dowling St., Kendallville**  
Ruth Houglund

**Provena Sacred Heart--515 N. Main Street, Avilla**  
Hilda Gibbons

**Lutheran Life Villages--351 N. Allen Chapel Road, Kendallville**  
Maxine Berhalter  
Phyllis Fox  
Georgia Rose  
Reba Skinner  
Gail Warrenner

## Homebound

*(If you would like to send a caring card to one of our shut-ins, feel free to call the office for information.)*

Phil Alexander, Anna Bailey, Florede Baughman, Carol Cain, Penny Countryman, Mildred Desper, Doris Fordeck, Mac & Helen Grossman, Mary King, Virginia Kirschner, Ellen Lash & Karen Steelman, Elouise McCormick, Joan Shippy

## What is Lent and why does it last forty days?



Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism. Today, Christians focus on their relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or volunteering and giving of themselves for others. The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan. Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a "mini-Easter" celebration of the Jesus' victory over sin and death. From the [www.umc.org](http://www.umc.org) website