



TRINITY TIMES

IT'S NOT ABOUT WHERE YOU'VE BEEN THAT MATTERS TO GOD, IT'S WHERE YOU'RE GROWING...

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Season of Lent Worship Services



THE FORTY DAYS OF LENT

REFLECTION

RECONCILIATION

RENEWAL

- April 2 – 5th Sunday in Lent
- April 9 – Palm Sunday/Holy Week Begins
- April 13 – Maundy Thursday/Celebration of the Lord's Supper at 6pm
- April 14 – Good Friday/Reflections on the 7 Last Words of Jesus at 12 Noon
- April 16 – Resurrection of the Lord/Easter

Upcoming Events

April

- April 2 – First Sunday Lunch
- April 3 – Music Committee Meeting at 2:30pm
- April 7 – Bereavement Group Gathering at Davison Country Club 11:30am
- April 8 – Worship Team Meeting at Noon
- April 10 – Finance Team 9:30
- --Personnel Team 11:00
- April 11 – Sarah Circle 6 p.m.
- April 16 – Deacons Meeting after church
- April 17 – Session Meeting
- April 19 – Grandparents Group
- 10:00
- April 21 – Soup Kitchen
- April 25 – Game Day 1:00
- April 26 – Naomi Circle 10:30

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If there is any hardness in our hearts today, Lord, please remove it from us. Our desire is to have hearts ready to fully receive your grace and mercy.



Why is per capita important?

Per capita funding is how Presbyterians mutually share the costs of coming together to discern the Spirit's leading for the future.

- It is how Presbyterians are trained to become better elders and ministers.
- It is how Presbyterians discern God's call in their lives.
- It is how Presbyterians participate in the life of the wider church by serving on GA committees and commissions.
- It is how Presbyterians participate in the life of the Church universal as we commit ourselves to work and live in fellowship with "all persons in every nation" (Book of Order, G-4.0101)

Please make your per capita payment for 2017—the amount is \$26.17 per member. Thank you.

MAY

- May 5 – Bereavement Group
• 11:30
- May 7 – First Sunday Lunch
- May 8 – Finance Team 9<30
• Personnel Team 11:00
- May 9 – Sarah Circle 6:00
- May 17 – Grandparents Group
- May 24 – Women's Team 9:00
• Naomi Circle 10:30
- May 28 – Youth Meeting

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### ***Happy Birthday***

*April 6 Barbara Wesley*

*April 10 Maxine Storey*

*April 11 Sandy Topham*

*April 14 Betty Shaw*

*Nancy Dunlap*

*April 23 Lisa Graham*

*April 24 Gaye Grover*

*April 30 Alice Shirley*

*May 3 George Granberry*

*May 12 Sharron Alexander*

*May 14 Funmi Adigun*

*Katie Knowton*

*May 15 Charlie White*

*May 23 Margaret Bausack*

### ***Happy Anniversary***

*April 6 Herb & Jackie McClellan*

*April 27 Charles & Pat White*

*April 30 Jim & Denise Dixon*

*May 1 Waldo & Beverly Bronson*

*May 3 Jerry & Sharon Auger*

*May 21 Tim & Lisa Graham*

*May 23 Greg & Jill Bolduc*

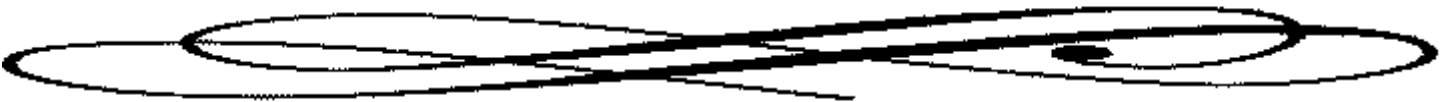
*May 29 Eddie & Gwen Barney*

***GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU ON YOUR SPECIAL DAY!***



## WHAT'S THE SESSION DOING?

- REVIEWING AND EVALUATING ALL OF TUPC'S PROGRAMS AND MINISTRIES. WE ARE FOCUSED ON OUR NEW VISION STATEMENT AND DISCERNING HOW WE MIGHT MOVE FORWARD TO ACHIEVE ITS PURPOSE WHILE GUIDED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT. WE ARE HOPING TO GAIN MORE CLARITY AND STREAMLINE OUR EFFORTS IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT WE ARE ALIGNING WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO WITH THE WILL OF GOD. PLEASE KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS.
- WE CONTINUE TO BE BLESSED BY THE SERVICE OF OUR CLERK OF SESSION, GEORGIA MCCALL AND OUR TREASURER, JANET HARTZELL. BOTH HAVE BEEN ELECTED BY THE SESSION AND AGREED TO SERVE FOR ANOTHER YEAR. THANK YOU BOTH!
- THE SESSION HAS AUTHORIZED THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR PRICE XAVIER DIXON ON APRIL 30. PRICE IS THE SON OF JOE AND AMBER DIXON; GRANDSON OF JIM AND DENISE DIXON; GREAT-GRANDSON OF CHARLIE AND PAT WHITE.
- PASTOR LAWSON IS CURRENTLY WORKING ON A NEW CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROTECTION POLICY WHICH IS NOW A MANDATORY DOCUMENT THAT EACH CONGREGATION MUST HAVE. ONCE COMPLETED, TRAINING WILL BE IMPLEMENTED.



PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR RIGHT NOW!

TRINITY'S 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY PARTY — ALL DAY — JUNE 4

## OTHER DATES TO SAVE

ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE    April 28 and 29

CHURCH IN THE PARK        July 23

WOMEN'S FALL GATHERING    Oct 14

ANNUAL CRAFT SALE    Oct 21

4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CELEBRATION DINNER    Nov. 13 (not official)



### *PREACHING THE WORD IN APRIL AND MAY*

#### *APRIL – JOURNEYING TO THE CROSS...*

APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup> marks the beginning of Holy Week where we hear the fullness of Christ's passion, his death and resurrection; from Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and on the Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday. All of Holy Week focuses on the passion. As his followers, we travel Christ's path of servanthood through the Lord's Supper and the suffering of the cross toward the glory of Easter, all of which underscores the inseparable link between the death and resurrection of Jesus. In addition to our Wednesday Lenten gathering at 5:30 pm, Maundy Thursday Service at 6:00 p.m.; this year we will be having Good Friday Service at noon. The theme will be *The Seven Last Words of Jesus from the Cross*. Come out and hear the power and possibility of the cross and immerse yourself in the whole story of salvation proclaimed in Word and Sacrament.

#### *MAY – QUESTIONING FAITH...*

Sermon Series: **"DOUBT: What to believe about God, religion and the church in 2017"**

The time in between Easter and Pentecost must have been a challenging and scary time for the followers of Jesus. This series will deal with the doubt and fear they encountered as well as the modern day followers of Jesus experience while we await the second coming of Jesus.

If you question your faith and wonders where God is in all of this, come and learn what it means to live a faithful life even in the midst of doubt. Invite someone you know who may be struggling with these questions.