

***We are a growing multicultural congregation where everybody is somebody.  
We worship at 10am on Sundays followed by Sunday school.***

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- Music Director *Dr. Eleanor Goodman*
- Clerk of Session *Elder Georgia McCall*
- Treasurer *Janet Hartzell*
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- Editor *Rev. Desiree Lawson*

### ***VISION STATEMENT***

*We are a diverse community of disciples of Jesus Christ **GROWING** together. With the always present power of the Holy Spirit, we share our lives, care for one another, worship, pray, study God's word, and serve both inside and outside the walls of the church.*

*We invite you to come and **GROW** with us.*

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## SEASON OF EASTER



Easter isn't just a Sunday — it's a season. One day out of 365 is hardly sufficient to celebrate the great mystery of our faith — that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Accordingly, the season of Easter lasts seven weeks (a "week of weeks"), spanning the 50 days from the Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday and encompassing the festival of the Ascension of the Lord.

Of course, Easter really isn't just a season either. In the fullest sense, Easter is a new way of life — in which we are "dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 6:11), called to "walk in newness of life" (Rom. 6:4). Every year, for fifty days, the church celebrates and rehearses this new way of life in the Season of Easter — as we await its completion in the fullness of Christ's reign.

## NEWS FROM THE SESSION

**TUPC 2018 Calendar:** For the past two years, the Session has taken considerable time to evaluate our church calendar to ensure that our programs

and activities are keeping in line with the mission of God's church and with the TUPC Vision Statement. We have made an effort to not only consider our financial resources, but also our people resources. With that in mind, we voted to eliminate the Craft Show and the Rummage Sale because of the time, effort and energy required. We have decided to, instead, do a few things well and continue to look for ways to be visible in our community through service and outreach.

We will mostly lend our energies to programs and events which focus on inviting others, going out into the community to spread the love of Jesus, and developing practices which allow us to grow as disciples. The Session hopes we can count on your support as we continue to discern the will of God for TUPC.

**Safe Church Modules:** The Personnel Team is pleased to report that we are well on our way to completing the safety modules recommend by our insurance provider. Grace Tucker is still available on Mondays from 1-3 to assist in the computer lab with this process. Please let her know if you need assistance.

**Disaster Preparedness:** The Session has designated a sub-committee to respond to the Presbytery's request that each congregation begin to develop a coordination and communication plan. At the March presbytery meeting, Georgia McCall, Ernestine Jackson and Debbie Grant of Kirkridge PC, presented a timely workshop on this subject. All three ladies attended a training

facilitated by the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) last year and are a helpful resource to the Presbytery of Lake Huron.

Schools, churches and most institutions and organizations are all in the process of looking at how they can make their buildings and facilities as safe as possible. If contacted by members of the sub-committee, led by Mary Krist and Waldo Bronson, please provide information that will allow us to care for you in the event of an emergency or disaster. More information will be shared in the months to come.

**Need a ride to church?** The Membership Team has a solution. On June 4, 2018, the Membership Team will arrange for "Your Ride" to pick up members and friends who are in need of round trip transportation to church.

Please call Jackie McClellan; 820-3987, Jane Harger; 813-7476 or Denise Dixon; 744-1135 if getting to church is a challenge for you and they will arrange for "Your Ride" to pick you up and take you home at no charge. Please call them the Friday before to make arrangements for Sunday.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Easter Breakfast:** Once again, the men of Trinity will serve breakfast on



Easter morning at **8:30am sharp!** Come early and share time and breakfast together! Thank you to the Men of Trinity!

**Easter Service:** After you have filled up on breakfast food, come and get filled up on spiritual food as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ at 10am! Alleluia! He is risen!



**Easter Egg Hunt:** When is the last time you went on an Easter Egg Hunt? All ages are encouraged to join the hunt following worship. And yes, there will be prizes!!



The Presbyterian Women (*Naomi and Sarah Circles, and Grandparents Group*) will host a Mother's Day Tea on Saturday, May 5, 2018 at 4pm.

Mark your calendars and bring a friend!

## SPOTLIGHT



On Saturday, March 24, 2018, we held a memorial service for our beloved Herman Graham. Herman died suddenly in early February at the age of 86. For many of us he was an excellent role model of health and fitness. Herman

honored his temple and a great way to remember him would be for us to follow suit. He showed us that getting older does not mean we cannot still lead active lives.

Please remember to keep Sydney in our prayers as she travels back to Costa Rica to finish up a semester abroad studying Spanish. She will return in May. Her address until then is:

Ms. Sydney Graham  
 c/o Associated Colleges of the Midwest  
 Apartado 2560-2050  
 San Pedro de Montes de Oca  
 Costa Rica  
 Central America

## CALENDAR

### APRIL

- Apr 1 Resurrection Sunday
- Apr 5 Christian Ed. at 5:30pm
- Apr 6 Grief Support at 11:30am
- Apr 9 Personnel Team at 11am
- Apr 9 Finance Team at 1pm
- Apr 10 Sarah Circle at 6pm
- Apr 10 Girl Scouts at 6pm
- Apr 15 Deacons Meeting
- Apr 16 Session Meeting at 3pm
- Apr 18 Grandparents Group @ 10am
- Apr 20 Soup Kitchen 2-5pm
- Apr 20 Literacy Banquet 4-8pm
- Apr 24 Game Day at 1pm
- Apr 24 Girl Scouts at 6pm
- Apr 25 Naomi Circle at 10:30am

### MAY

- May 4 Grief Support at 11:30am
- May 5 Worship Team at Noon
- May 5 Mother's Day Tea at 4pm
- May 7 Membership Team at 4pm
- May 8 Sarah Circle at 6pm
- May 8 Girl Scouts at 6pm

- May 14 Personnel Team at 11am
- May 14 Finance Team at 1pm
- May 16 Grandparents Group @ 10am
- May 18 Soup Kitchen 2-5pm
- May 22 Game Day at 1pm
- May 22 Girl Scouts at 6pm
- May 23 Naomi Circle at 10:30am

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### April Birthdays

- April 6 Barbara Wesley
- April 10 Maxine Storey
- April 11 Sandy Topham
- April 14 Betty Shaw
- April 14 Nancy Dunlap
- April 23 Lisa Graham
- April 30 Alice Shirley

### April Anniversaries

- April 6 Herb & Jackie McClellan
- April 27 Charlie & Pat White
- April 30 Jim & Denise Dixon

### May Birthdays

- May 3 George Granberry
- May 12 Sharron Alexander
- May 14 Funmi Adigun
- May 15 Charlie White
- May 23 Margaret Bausack

### May Anniversaries

- 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

If you have a submission for the June/July *Trinity Times*, please send your article or information to Pastor Lawson at [revlawsond@yahoo.com](mailto:revlawsond@yahoo.com) by no later than May 23, 2018. Thank you.