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On Tuesday April 7th, at 6:30 pm at Fenton First Presbyterian Church. (503 S Leroy St. Fenton, Michigan 48430)

Come and enjoy wonderful food and fellowship as we share a meal that has been celebrated for over 3,000 years.

We will learn how the Last Supper that Jesus shared with his disciples is similar to the Seder meal, and enrich our understanding about our celebration of communion and fellowship with other believers.

Cost: \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors, \$7 for children 12 and under. This includes a dinner of traditional Jewish dishes, sampling of symbolic Passover foods, as well as a wonderful program explaining the Seder Meal.

Traditionally 4 glasses of wine/juice are consumed during the meal.

Tickets will be available through March 18th after worship or you can contact; the church office 810-629-7801 or Pastor Lindsey at 810-445-6780.

You will have noticed some changes to the order of worship and the session committees.

The major changes in worship for the season of Lent (Feb 23-Easter) include:

-Joys and Concerns prayer cards will be prayed for during the pastoral prayer time and should be given to the ushers at the beginning of worship

-Announcements will be at the beginning of worship

The new session committee organization is as follows:

-Building Property: Mary Krist (chair), Delphine (rentals)

-Nominating: Georgia and Greg

-Congregational Life: Denise (chair)

-Finance and Personnel: Waldo and Barbara (co-chairs)

-Worship: Gayle (chair)

-Christian Ed: Delphine and Allison (co-chairs)

-Communications: Allison and Ryan (co-chairs)

-Mission/Outreach: Barbara and Greg

Caring Relationships, Radical Hospitality, Risk-Taking Mission and Service, Lifelong Discipleship, Passionate Worship, Empowered Servant Leadership, Intentional Authentic Evangelism. These are the practices or marks of a Vital Congregation. These practices can lead to excellence and growth here in the life of our church. And they are the practices that we will be focusing on during Lent.

Just imagine what can happen if everyone in our congregation will spend these few weeks--reading, praying, discussing, and focusing on these practices of Vital Congregations. God can change individuals, entire families, and our whole

church--including the ways we make in and beyond our surrounding community.

You're invited to participate in a variety of ways, including Sunday morning worship, Wednesday Night Lenten study groups, daily prayer, and ministry opportunities.

-March 1 —1st Sunday Lent, Guest preacher Dr. Beverly Walker-Griffea, President of Mott College, Presbyterian Women leading worship,

-March 8 — 2nd Sunday Lent, "Radical Hospitality", Deut 24:10-22, Rom 12:9-21, Luke 7:36-47, Bell Choir

-March 15 — 3rd Sunday Lent, Self-Development of People Sunday, "Risk Taking Mission and Service," Rev 21:1-6, Matt 25:31-46

-March 22— 4th Sunday Lent, "Lifelong Discipleship" (also caring for children and youth), Eph 4:14-24, Phil 3:12-4:1, Matt 4:11-22

-March 29 —5th Sunday Lent, "Passionate Worship," Is 6:1-8, Col 3:12-17, Luke 4:14-30

April 5 — Palm Sunday

April 9 —Maundy Thursday 6pm, "Empowered Servant Leadership," John 13:1-17

April 10 — Good Friday 6pm

April 12 —Easter Sunday "Intentional Authentic Evangelism," Matt 5:1-15, Bell Choir

April 19 — "Looking to the Future—Hope-filled"

Here is a quick recap of how we can provide a safe environment for children and youth as they grow in faith. Do not forget to finish your safe church modules!

-Staff and volunteers are discouraged from being alone with youth or children without parental permission

-There must be two adults present, one of which must be five years older than the oldest participant

-Staff and volunteers will respect children's rights to not be touched in a way that makes them feel uncomfortable or disregard their right to say no

-Staff and volunteers may not discipline children by use of physical punishment or be failing to provide necessities of care

-While supervising children and youth, you must know where they are at all times.

-Always send children in pairs with a volunteer to the restroom and make sure it is not occupied before allowing them in.

The volunteer will stand in the doorway while children use the restroom.

-Any signs of injury or possible child abuse must be reported.

-Consuming, using, possessing or being under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs while working with children is prohibited.

-Profanity, inappropriate jokes and media, sharing of intimate details of personal life and harassment in the presence of children, youth and parents is prohibited

Prayerfully watch and listen to the Holy Spirit to discern where God is working. Look boldly, humbly, prayerfully and contextually to proclaim the gospel in word and deed.

As you live out the gospel intentionally in your everyday life, where does God take you during your week? And how can you be missional in what you're already doing? How can you go about your week and engage with your neighbors?

1. Stay outside in the front yard longer while watering the yard
2. Walk your dog regularly around the same time in your neighborhood
3. Organize an effort for neighbors to look out for the elderly in your neighborhood (such as cold weather warnings)
4. Pass out baked goods (fresh bread, cookies, brownies, etc.)
5. Invite neighbors over for dinner
6. Ask your HOA or apartment complex if they need help with anything
7. Attend the parties invited to by neighbors
8. Do a food drive or coat drive in winter and get neighbors involved
9. Have a game night (yard games outside, or board games inside)
10. Art swap night -- bring out what you're tired of and trade with neighbors
11. Grow a garden and give out extra produce to neighbors
12. Have an Easter egg hunt on your block and invite neighbors use their front yards
13. Start a weekly open meal night in your home
14. Do a summer BBQ every Friday night and invite others to contribute
15. Create a block/street email and phone contact list for safety
16. Host a sports game watching party
17. Host a coffee and dessert night

18. Organize and host a ladies' artistic creation night
19. Organize a tasting tour on your street (everyone sets up food and table on front porch)
20. Host a movie night and discussion afterwards
21. Start a walking/running group in the neighborhood
22. Start hosting a play date weekly for other stay at home parents
23. Organize a carpool for your neighborhood to help save gas
24. Volunteer to coach a local little league sports team
25. Have a front yard ice cream party in the summer

- Mar 2 Worship Team at 4 pm
- Mar 6 Grief Group at 11:30 am
- Mar 7 Worship Team at 9:30 am
- Mar 11 Sarah Circle at 5:30 pm
- Mar 18 Grandparents at 10 am
- Mar 20 Soup Kitchen 2pm-5pm
- Mar 25 Naomi Circle at 10:30 am

- 3 Mark Bolduc
- 7 Waldo Bronson, Jr.
- 7 Karen Fischer
- 22 Chris Lyttle
- 25 Cyndi Lyttle
- 27 Margaret Tilley

- 24 Matt & Sharon Burton
- 24 Russ & Julie Auger

If you have a submission for the April *Trinity Times*, please send your article or information to Alysha Fleming at office@trinityunitedpc.org by no later than March 18, 2019. Thank you.

We are a growing multicultural congregation where everybody is somebody.

We worship at 10am on Sundays.

- Interim Pastor *Rev. Lindsey Carnes*
- Music Director *Clarence D. Atwater*
- Clerk of Session *Elder Georgia McCall*
- Treasurer *Janet Hartzell*
- Secretary *Alysha Fleming*
- Editor *Alysha Fleming*

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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