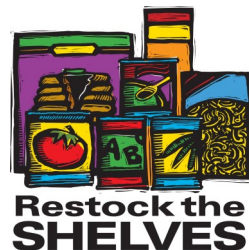


**UPS Back Pack Program**

Don't forget that each month we are going to Restock the Shelves for the Union Primary School Back Pack Program with a specific kind of food. The food item for February is Single Serve Fruit.



During January, Trinity was able to provide 25 bulk bags of cereal and 64 single serve cups of cereal. AARP donated 49 bulk bags of cereal and 24 packages of Fruit Snacks.

**Church Council Meeting**

On Sunday February 9th at 6:30 pm, we will have our first Church Council Meeting. It is vitally important that all members of the Church Council be present for this meeting. Jeff Wright, our District Superintendent, will be joining us for this meeting. This is an open meeting and everyone is welcome to join us in the Fellowship Hall.

**Black History Month Programs**

Community Churches are sponsoring Black History Month Services again this year. The first 3 services will be held on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 and a potluck meal will follow. The last service will be held here at Trinity on Sunday February 23rd at 5 pm.

- 02/05/2020 First Baptist Church 6:30 pm
- 02/12/2020 Macedonia Baptist Church 6:30 pm
- 02/19/2020 Williams Chapel AME Zion 6:30 pm
- 02/23/2020 Trinity UMC 5:00 pm

**Youth Sunday**

Christy and UMYF will be leading worship on Sunday February 23. Please come and hear what was experienced during their weekend at Resurrection 2020 in Pigeon Forge.

**\*\*\*\*Choir practice will be canceled this week\*\*\*\***

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*Important dates to keep on your calendar...*

- February 3 6:30 pm Contagious Discipleship at Parsonage
- February 4 11:00 am Ugly Mug Study Group  
7:00 pm "The Shack" at the Parsonage
- February 5 6:00 pm Bible Study  
6:30 pm Black History Month Program/Potluck at First Baptist Church  
7:00 pm Choir Practice **CANCELED**
- February 6 11:00 am Susanna Wesley/Wesleyan Circle
- February 9 5:00 pm UMYF  
6:30 pm Church Council Meeting
- February 10 6:30 pm Contagious Discipleship at Parsonage  
6:30 pm UMM
- February 11 11:00 am Ugly Mug Study Group  
7:00 pm "The Shack" at the Parsonage
- February 12 6:00 pm Bible Study  
6:30 pm Black History Month Program/Potluck at Macedonia Baptist Church  
7:00 pm Choir Practice

	Last Week	Last Month (January)	Year to Date
Worship Attendance	56	56 (AVG)	52 (AVG)
Offering to Budget	\$1689.78	\$8387.40	\$8387.40

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**Here is the New Union Primary School Food List :**

Jan—Breakfast Cereal	Feb—Single Serve Fruit	Mar—Mac n Cheese
Apr—Juice Boxes	May—Juice Boxes	June—Cash Donation
July—Cash Donation	August—Soup	Sept—Chef Boyardee
Oct—Ramen Noodles	Nov—Breakfast Bars	Dec—Juice Boxes

**Food Notes:** \*Soup (Chicken Noodle or Tomato) \*Chef Boyardee (Spaghetti O's or Ravioli) \*Ramen Noodles (Chicken or Beef) \*Breakfast Bars (Apple/Cinnamon or Strawberry) \*Cereal (Small bulk bag 7-9 servings) \*Single Serve Fruit (Pears, Peaches, or Fruit Cocktail) \*Mac n Cheese (Individual servings) \*Juice Boxes (Apple or Grape)

**The Trinity Companion**  
**Sunday February 2, 2020**

♦ up in him and established in the ♦

♦ Walk in him, rooted and built ♦

♦ faith, just as you were taught. ♦

**COLOSSIANS 2:6-7, ESV**

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**Greeters:** Ruben and Nancy Allman

**Announcements:** Christy Smith

**Prelude:** The Gospel Train, African-American Spiritual, Arranged by Glenda Austin

**Lighting of the Candles:** Natalie Shell

**\*Opening Hymn:** Trust and Obey No. 467

**Pastoral Welcome**

**Affirmation of Faith**      **Apostles' Creed**      No. 70

**Lord's Prayer**

**The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings**

**Prayer of Blessing**

**Ushers:** John Hagan, Joe Toney, Dana Barlow, and Sandra Rich

**Offertory Music:** Sometimes I Feel Like A Motherless Child, African-American Spiritual, Arranged by Phillip Keveren

**\*Doxology**      As found at      No. 95

**Anthem:** Jesus is Coming Soon

**\*Scripture Reading:** Colossians 2: 6-7

**Message:** Rooted in Christ

**Holy Communion** (God invites Us to His Table)

**Ushers:** Kathleen Gillespie, Lana Prater, Martha Spurlock, and Nancy Toney

**Communion Music:** Grace Greater Than Our Sin (with Amazing Grace), Arranged by Stephen R. Dalrymple

**\*Closing Hymn:** Jesus Is All the World to Me      No. 469

**Invitation to Discipleship**

**Pastoral Benediction**

**Postlude:** Swing Low, Sweet Chariot, African-American Spiritual, Arranged by Glenda Austin

\*Indicates that you may stand, as you are able.  
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## ***Rooted in Christ***

Paul sees the world populated with people. He sees them working and suffering. He sees them feasting and mourning. We see this too. We try our best to be good...enough, right...all the time, and in control...of our neighbors. Paul sees Disciples living in this world while daily drawing life from being "rooted" in Christ. Therefore, disciples live in Peace, with Thankfulness, and Joy.

### **Question:**

**When faced with moments of suffering and mourning where do you go for comfort? Do you seek comfort in being good? Do you seek comfort in being right? Do you seek comfort by being in control? Do you seek comfort through faith in God's Grace?**

God's grace is revealed through Jesus Christ. In Jesus' left hand He holds bread. He breaks the bread. The bread is His body. His body is broken by our sin. In Jesus' right hand He holds The Cup of the New Covenant. The Cup is filled with forgiveness of all sin; past, present, and future. The cup redeems sin. All sin was purchased by God through Jesus Christ. Not only was it purchased, it was reconciled.

What is the difference between redeemed and reconciled? Andrea and I have a mortgage on our home. We get to live in the house at 729 West Valley Drive; well, as long as we pay our debt. Soon after we moved into the house, we received a letter Our loan, debt, was redeemed by another institution. Wells Fargo now holds the debt. They redeemed, or purchased , the debt but did not reconcile it. To reconcile the debt, the Balance must be made ZERO! God's economy is not like Wells Fargo!

Jesus redeemed sin and reconciled our debt. Grace means our debt balance is always Zero.

### **Question:**

**Why do we continue to feel the sting of sin?**

God gives us Grace to form a daily, Holy Relationship with Himself and our neighbors. Sin destroys relationships. Grace heals relationships. Relationships require each party to daily practice confession, forgiveness, reconciliation, and unconditional love. Don't forget we are constantly barged by the sin of the world.

I find that many people believe they are redeemed by Christ. "Jesus died for my sins." We have not been taught how to live as reconciled children of God. If we have faith in God's Grace, we

would love our neighbor as self.

Every month, Andrea sends Wells Fargo a mortgage payment. I will be an old man when the mortgage is reconciled, made zero. Grace works in reverse. Every time we feel the sting of sin and death, the Holy Spirit tries to lead us back to the Cross of Christ. It is here that our debt was purchased and reconciled. (Salvation does not remove our will!)

The words, "Do this in remembrance of me," are carved into the Table of Our Lord. This morning the Holy Spirit invites us to be led to the Cross of Christ to experience again God's redeeming and reconciling Grace. (Notice the Cross at the center of the Table.)

When you receive the bread, the Holy Spirit invites you to name your sin. (Confession) When you dip the bread, your sin, into the Cup of the New Covenant, you are invited to remember Jesus crucified, dead, and buried. (Repentance equals redemption.) Little by little our eyes are opened to see Jesus bearing our sin. Jesus alone redeems sin. Now, look closely at the balance you owe for your debt. God says it is ZERO. (Reconciled).

### **Invitation:**

Imagine you believed that Jesus redeemed and reconciled all your sin. To trust Him what would you need to change? How would your thinking about sin need to change? How would this change teach you to trust God with all of your feelings? To have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, we must experience our sin both redeemed and reconciled! This is how we know God's Love. This is how we learn to love our neighbor as self.

If you need help working our your salvation, Robert and others are available to patiently walk with you. Robert's number is 423-863-7622. Small group opportunities are available for you and your friends to learn Soul-Practices that will equip you to be Jesus' Apprentices.

