

Today's liturgical color is purple which symbolizes penance, sacrifice, and preparation. Purple is the color used during Advent and Lent.

To help promote the happenings in our church, you can share our services and events to the community on your Facebook page.

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PRELUDE: Living Water by Anne Wilson

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Jesus said: "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12). The presence of the light reminds us of Jesus' coming into our world and into our lives. The light is carried into the worship service as a symbol of Jesus' coming into the presence of the worshipping community.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

CALL TO WORSHIP: I'll Fly Away

Some glad morning when this life is o'er; I'll fly away;
to a home on God's celestial shore; I'll fly away
I'll fly away, oh glory, I'll fly away;
when I die, Hallelujah, by and by I'll fly away

WELCOME from Pastor Tim and welcome your neighbors

ANNOUNCEMENTS (*noted within the bulletin)

A TIME FOR PRAYER: Pastor Tim

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as
we forgive those that trespass against us. And lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and
the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

OPENING HYMN: Be Thou My Vision

No. 451

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

READER: Phil R.

¹Give thanks to the Lord because he is good, because his faithful love lasts forever!

²That's what those who are redeemed by the Lord say, the ones God redeemed from the power of their enemies,

³the ones God gathered from various countries, from east and west, north and south.

¹⁷Some of the redeemed were fools because of their sinful ways. They suffered because of their wickedness.

¹⁸They had absolutely no appetite for food; they had arrived at death's

gates.

¹⁹So they cried out to the Lord in their distress, and God saved them from their desperate circumstances.

²⁰God gave the order and healed them; he rescued them from their pit.

²¹Let them thank the Lord for his faithful love and his wondrous works for all people.

²²Let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices and declare what God has done in songs of joy!

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end, Amen, Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT: led by Mary Beth A.

THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Ushers: Rob M, Chris S, Daniel W, Fred H

OFFERTORY PRAYER: Let us pray,

Lord God of all, accept our offering of money this day, but also the offering of our lives. Help us to live simply, generously and courageously, that our lives may point to you. Amen.

OFFERTORY MUSIC: What Wondrous Love is This American Folk Hymn

DOXOLOGY

No. 95

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC: Ain't No Grave by Bethel Music ft. Molly Skaggs

SERMON: I AM A CHURCH MEMBER

Chapter 6: I Will Treasure Church Membership as a Gift

RESPONSE TO THE SERVICE: SIXTH PLEDGE AND ALTAR CALL – at this time if you desire to come to the front for prayer you are welcome to do so.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS-Beth, Jason & Samuel Tipton and Janice Taylor

CLOSING HYMN: The Old Rugged Cross

No. 504

BENEDICTION

**May the Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent
one from another. AMEN!**

POSTLUDE: We Are the Free by Matt Redman

BAPTISM OF LINDA ROACH IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SERVICE

Sending Forth/Extinguishing of the Candles: At the end of the service, the light is carried out into the world to show that Jesus Christ is for all people

everywhere. The acolyte leaves the worship service at the pastor's direction, carrying out the lighted candle lighter. This symbolizes the light of Jesus Christ going out into the world where believers are to serve.

METHODS OF GIVING

We have several ways for you to support the ongoing ministries and operating expenses of our church:

- bring an offering to the Sunday worship and put in the collection plate
- use the drop box at the back of the church
- mail a check to the church
- set up recurring payments with your bank
- online donation via website Subsplash—use the following address on your computer, tablet or phone:
<https://secure.subsplash.com/ui/access/FJ4VNG>
this secure website allows you to make a donation/offering in any amount, in any frequency (weekly, monthly, etc), and to select a specific purpose/fund for your donation. You can complete one of the cards located in the pews and put in offering plate to alert the office that you have made an online donation.

THE SIXTH PLEDGE (Revised)

I am a church member.

This membership is a gift. When I received the free gift of salvation through Jesus Christ, I became a part of the body of Christ. I now identify with a local body, and now I am humbled and honored to serve and to love others in our church. I pray that I will never take my membership for granted, but see it as a gift and an opportunity to serve others and to be a part of something so much greater than any one person or member.

Here's a snapshot of our current budget numbers:

TITHES AND OFFERINGS	
TUMC 2024 BUDGET	\$159,000.00
WEEKLY GOAL	\$3,057.69
LAST WEEK'S OFFERING	\$3,597.00
YEARLY BUDGET TO DATE	\$27,519.21
YEARLY OFFERINGS TO DATE	\$24,162.73

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEETINGS AND SUCH.....

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL is Sunday at 10am.

CHOIR PRACTICE is Wednesday at 7pm.

Methodist Men is Monday, Mar 12 @ 6pm. All men are welcome to attend.

It's time to start planning!! Mark your calendars—VBS Planning Meeting is scheduled for March 17th following the breakfast fundraiser. Plan to attend and bring your fabulous ideas to make this year bigger and better!

The next POP'N FOR JESUS is scheduled for Wed, Mar 27, 2024. Interested in helping, contact Betty Fleenor for details.

Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for April 10 @ 6pm.

Volunteers—Greeters; if you are, or would like to be, a greeter, please plan to attend a short meeting after the worship service on April 14.

Worship service at Heritage Hall every Wednesday at 1:30-3 pm, all are welcome to attend. Pastor Tim is in high demand, they have requested two services each Wednesday in two separate areas of Heritage Hall!

EVENTS AND CHURCH HAPPENINGS.....

*The sermon series ends today on the book "I am a Church Member" by Thom Rainer. You are invited to attend a book discussion group on Wednesday, Mar 13 @ 6 pm. Thanks, Pastor Tim

If you would like to contribute or assist in any way to the Easter Cross flowers, please see Beth Hagan.

March 17 following the worship service we will have a fundraiser breakfast! A basket will be set out for a love donation. Proceeds go to the church budget. Plan to attend for some great food and fellowship!

Hunters Education Class at MECC on Saturday, March 23 @ 9 am. Please see Bill Whitt for more info or to sign up!

Mark your calendars! Our Easter Cantata "Then Came Sunday" is scheduled for Sunday, March 24 during the morning worship service.

Easter Egg Hunt, Sunday, March 24 @ 2pm. For more info or to sign up to help, please contact Christy Smith.

BSG Ministerial Lent Schedule

Services start at Noon and are followed w/light lunch

Mar 14—Legion Memorial; guest speaker Elder Carolyn Smith; musical guest Williams Chapel

Mar 21—Bethesda Church of God; guest speaker Rev Timothy Robinson; musical guest Mychelle Lawson

Mar 28—Trinity United Methodist; guest speaker Rev Eddie Kilbourne; musical guest Rev Robbie White

*Offering stewards for March

Mar 17: Susie W, Amy G, Sandra R, Joyce P

Mar 24: Spencer Q, Steve P, John H, Billy W

Mar 31: Paul C, Gary H, Alberta M, Cecilia R

*Children's Moment for March

Mar 17: Beth H

Mar 24: Fred H

Mar 31: Diane B

*Greeters for March

Mar 17: Donna M, Amy G

Mar 24: Alberta M, Angie T

Mar 31: Joyce P, Amy G

*Lector Readers for March

Mar 17: Caitlyn S-Psalm 51:1-12

Mar 24: Beth H-Psalm 31:9-16

Mar 31: Paula B-Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

Nursery Volunteers for March

Mar 10: Amy G, Paula B

Mar 17: Donna M, Cathy G

Mar 24: Judy H, Donna M

Mar 31: Amy G, Cathy G

*Communion Stewards for April 7:

Paula B, Donna M, Joyce P, Alberta M

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE Mar 3

Sunday School: 7

In-Person Worship: 56

Facebook Live: 21

Visitors: 1

Trinity Women: 19

Fireside chat w/Jeff Lambert: 10

Heritage Hall: cancelled

UPS BACKPACK PROGRAM

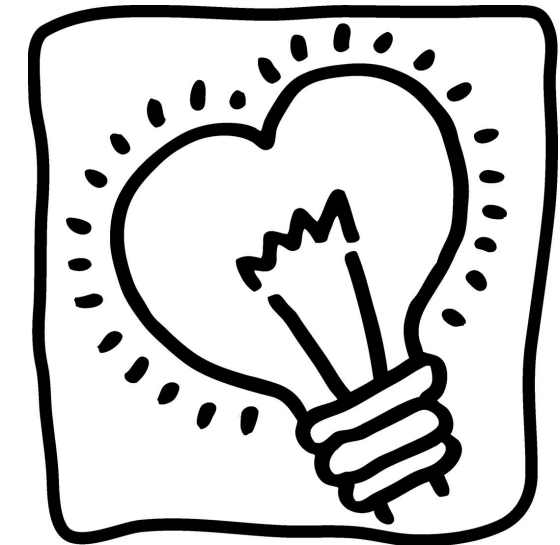
Don't forget that each month we are going to Restock the Shelves for the Union Primary School. The food item requested for March is single serve mac n cheese.

ZIMBABWE BACKPACK ITEMS: Our goal is to fill 60 backpacks. March is cash donations to NOW team fund. Dropoff deadline is 6/3/24.

DISASTER RELIEF ROOM: We have a designated room upstairs to house hygiene, home and some clothing for local disaster (fire, etc). If you have any extra items to add to this room, please see Dennis or Cindy.

The Trinity Companion

March 10, 2024



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