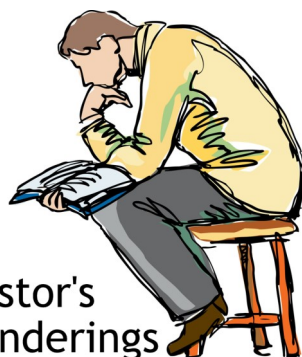


## Trinity UMC to Host Lenten Luncheon March 17th

Our church will host the Lenten Luncheon on Thursday March 17th at noon. This year, Pat Bowden is coordinating this event. We are running into some trouble, however, with getting commitments. A lot of the normal folks that would work at such an event have other commitments. So, we need to know what people can be involved and we need to know what people can bring: soups, sandwiches, and desserts are needed. Please get in touch with Pat Bowden and let her know how you will be able to participate in this event.

## Pastor's Ponderings



## The Administrative Board is Scheduled to Meet

This Sunday night the Administrative Board will meet at 7:00 pm in the church fellowship hall. It will be the first meeting of 2016 and all Board members are encouraged to be in attendance at this meeting.

## United Methodist Men Meet March 14th

The monthly meeting of the United Methodist Men will be on Monday March 14th at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. All men of the church and community are invited to attend this meal and meeting. We will be talking about upcoming activities, such as the Pancake Breakfast and the Ladies Night Meal. So please be in attendance at this meeting.

## Easter Eggs Will be Available Next Sunday

For those that ordered Easter Eggs, they will be available for pick-up next Sunday. We will hand out the eggs in the fellowship hall following the worship service. The Vacation Bible School team would like to thank everyone that ordered eggs. We had orders for over 150. Proceeds from this sale will go into our Vacation Bible School Fund.

## Holy Thursday Service is Scheduled

We will gather at the church on Thursday night March 24th at 6:00 pm for the Holy Thursday Foot washing and Communion service. This year, the service will be plain and simple. In the past we have been elaborate in the presentation. This year, we are backing off of the more formal aspects of the worship event and simply trying to encounter the power of this day by letting the actions of Foot washing and Holy Communion speak for themselves. As a result, the service should be no more than 30 minutes in length.

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## Guest Columnist

### Four Critical Steps to Get Guests into the Side Door of the Church

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## Simple Church Team Holds First Meeting

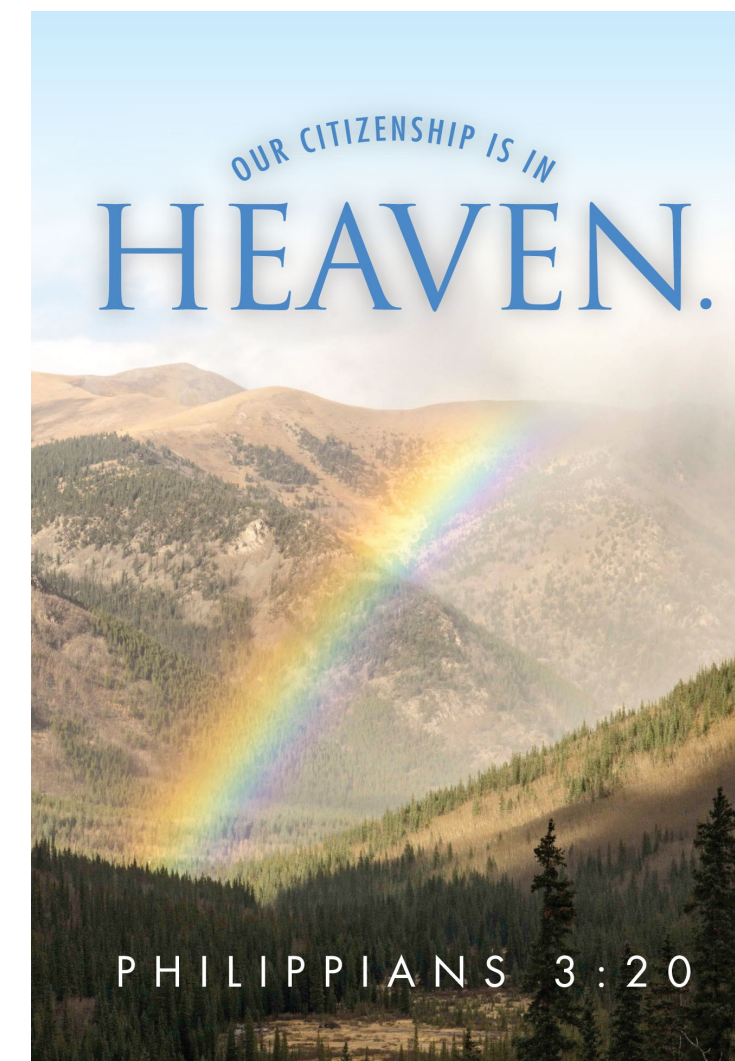
The Simple Church Team, composed of: Kenny & Martha Spurlock, Jack & Janette Kennedy, Dennis & Cindy Ashley, Bennie & Ashley Turner, Bill Cole, Kathleen Gillespie, Donna Mahan, Mary Beth Allen, and Christy Smith, met on Thursday night. The pastor presented his vision for what he hoped the team would be able to accomplish. In a nutshell, this Team will seek to design a ministry process that will help to make our church more capable of creating disciples for Jesus Christ. How that is to be accomplished is up to the Team to decide after much study and prayer.

Some of the things that were brought up in our initial discussion included:

- ⇒ Some felt that we needed to make the church feel like a home with persons treating each other as members of the family.
- ⇒ Others felt that sometimes we act too much like a family and involuntarily exclude newcomers from the family because we are so caught up in talking with those we already know.
- ⇒ One person suggested that it is hard for a newcomer to fit in. The newcomer doesn't know how to get involved without feeling like she is stepping on someone's toes.
- ⇒ One person suggested that we need to emphasize the power of prayer in our church and really take seriously the need to contact the people on our weekly prayer list and let them know we are praying for them.
- ⇒ One person commented on the way our church is currently perceived in the community. We are the church that helps people without asking for anything in return.
- ⇒ One person suggested that some sort of pictorial directory would be a great to help people, especially newcomers, to get to know the names of the people of the church. *(This is easily possible with our current software. So be on the look out for someone with a camera taking pictures for such a directory.)*
- ⇒ One person viewed what the pastor was trying to achieve through a business mindset. We are seeking to organize our church and make it more effective at doing the mission of God in our community.

As you can see, there were some great ideas that were stirred up at this meeting. Please pray for this Team as it now enters into the creation process. The next meeting will be Thursday April 14th at 6:00 pm. At that meeting the Team will be talking about the reason that we exist as a church and will seek to develop a way of expressing that reason in a clear and concise manner. Our goal is to clarify what God has put us here to do. Please be in prayer for this Team as it begins the important task of helping our church move into a future filled with possibility and hope.

## The Trinity Companion Sunday March 13, 2016



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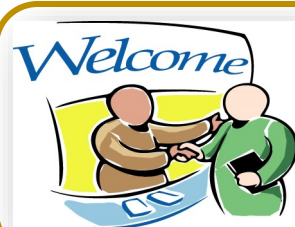
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Let me tell you how glad we are to have you at our worship service today. We hope that you will encounter the presence of the risen Christ. Please feel free to join in any of the activities or events that you see mentioned. Please come back and worship with us again!

**Greeters:** Ben Allen and Ruben Allman

**Announcements, Welcome, and Introduction :** Phil Robbins

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship:** "O Jesus, Blest Redeemer"

\* **Opening Hymn:** "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" No. 298

**Sharing Our Joys and Concerns**

*(You will be given an opportunity to share joys and prayer concerns. Please raise your hand and wait until an usher comes to you with a microphone.)*

**The Lord's Prayer** *(as found at No. 895)*

**Gloria Patri** No. 70

**Children's Message** Diane Botts

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

**Ushers:** Dotty Allen, Nancy Allman, Donna Mahan, Jackie Mainous

**Offertory:**

\* **The Doxology** **No. 95**

**Anthem:** "You Are God Alone"

**The Presentation of God's Word**

\* **Scripture:** Philippians 3:17—4:1 Chris Higgins

Lector: The Word of the Lord for the People of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Sermon:** "Looking Like a Christian"

**The Apostles Creed** No. 881

\* **Closing Hymn:** "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" No. 57

\* **Pastoral Benediction :** "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

**Postlude:**

**\* Please stand, as you are able**

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**March Activities and Events**

- ◆ **Sunday, March 13, 2016—Fifth Sunday During Lent**
  - ◆ 5:00 pm—UMYF
  - ◆ 7:00 pm—Administrative Board Meeting
- ◆ **Monday, March 14, 2016**
  - ◆ 6:30 pm—United Methodist Men Meeting
- ◆ **Wednesday, March 16, 2016**
  - ◆ 6:00 pm—Prayer Circle
  - ◆ 7:00 pm—Choir Practice
- ◆ **Thursday, March 17, 2016**
  - ◆ Noon—Lenten Luncheon at **Trinity United Methodist Church**
- ◆ **Sunday, March 20, 2016—Palm Sunday**
  - ◆ 2:00 pm—Community Easter Egg Hunt
  - ◆ 5:00 pm—Asbury Circle
- ◆ **Wednesday, March 23, 2016**
  - ◆ 6:00 pm—Prayer Circle
  - ◆ 7:00 pm—Choir Practice
- ◆ **Thursday, March 24, 2016**
  - ◆ Noon—Lenten Luncheon at Legion Memorial Church
  - ◆ 6:00 pm—Holy Thursday Worship - Communion and Foot Washing
- ◆ **Friday, March 25, 2016—Good Friday**
  - ◆ Office will be closed
- ◆ **Sunday, March 27, 2016—Easter Sunday**
- ◆ **Wednesday, March 30, 2016**
  - ◆ 6:00 pm—Prayer Circle
  - ◆ 7:00 pm—Choir Practice

**April Activities and Events**

- ◆ **Sunday, April 3, 2016**
- ◆ **Monday, April 4, 2016**
  - ◆ **Spring Yard Sale Begins**
  - ◆ 6:30 pm—NOW Team Meeting
- ◆ **Wednesday, April 6, 2016**
  - ◆ 6:00 pm—Prayer Circle
  - ◆ 7:00 pm—Choir Practice
- ◆ **Thursday, April 7, 2016**
  - ◆ 10:00 am—Susanna Wesley Circle
  - ◆ 12:00 pm—Wesleyan Circle
- ◆ **Sunday, April 10, 2016**
  - ◆ 3:00 pm—Community Sing at Faith Hope United Church
  - ◆ 5:00 pm—UMYF
  - ◆ 7:00 pm—Administrative Board Meeting
- ◆ **Monday, April 11, 2016**
  - ◆ 6:30 pm—United Methodist Men Meeting

**Join Us for the Lenten Luncheon Service**  
**March 17, 2016 at Noon**  
**Please contact Pat Bowden for more information**



**March**

**Van Drivers and Riders**

- 6—Doug & Lucy Robinson
- 13—Pat Bowden, Diane Botts
- 20—Kenny & Martha Spurlock
- 27—Pat Bowden, Diane Botts

**Children's Church**

- 6—Ashley Turner
- 13—Patty Robbins
- 20—Mary Beth Allen
- 27—Kim Parsons

**Money Counters**

- 6—Pat Bowden, Kim Parsons
- 13—Kenny & Martha Spurlock
- 20—Bill Cole, Ashley Turner
- 27—Chris Higgins, Paul Clark

**Children's Message**

- 6— Mary Beth Allen
- 13—Diane Botts
- 20—Christy Smith
- 27—Bill Cole



"I HAVE NOT STOPPED GIVING THANKS FOR YOU, REMEMBERING YOU IN MY PRAYERS."  
EPHESIANS 1:16, NIV

**For Those with Cancer:**

James Horne; Robin (Rita Nash's Daughter); Barbara Polly; Debbie Cooper; Wilma Nein; Phyllis Gilley; Melody (Mellie) Gilley; Doris Berta; Denise Qualls; Kathy Hirsch (Larry and Teddy Bland's daughter); David Burke (Bubba Burke's Dad); Karrie Compton (Randy and Phyllis Compton's daughter)

**Facing or Recovering from Surgery or Hospital Stay**

Becky Clark; Helen Cochran; Mary Warner; Liz Ashley; T. R Davidson; Melanie Sturgill; Mark Nickels; Ann Nickels; Jim Cooper; Barbara Hargrove; Ronnie Phillips (Patty Robbins' brother); Benny Clifton (Lillie Clifton's father); Siyere Williams

**Non-Specific Prayers for:**

Brownie Polly; Geneva Allen; Jim Gates; Fred Vanbever; Jennie Shupe; Hope Meade; Matt Carroll; Melvin Carter; Kenny Spurlock's mother; Bill & Jean Hendrick; Peggy Bates; Marion Kocher; Bob Horne; Nancy Toney; Callie Ann Coughlin Clark; Beth and John Hagan

- Pray for our Pastor and the Leaders of our church.
- Pray for the Leaders of the United Methodist Church.
- Pray for those in the Church in need.

If you know that someone on the prayer list has passed away, please contact the church office.