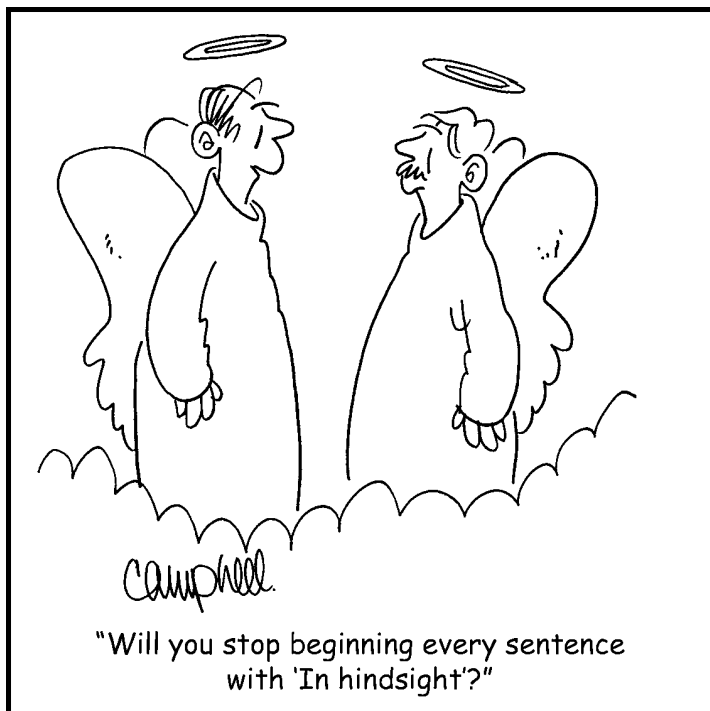


Sunday April 28 through Sunday May 5

- Pastor Robert begins the new sermon series about the Beatitudes. Today, he will be focusing on hearing Jesus bless the poor spirit.
- There will be no UMYF meeting this evening.
- The Ugly Mug Study Group will be meeting Tuesday at 11 am.
- Bible Study will be Wednesday evening at 6 pm and Choir practice will be 7 pm.
- The Wesley/Wesleyan Circles will be meeting Thursday morning at 11 am in the Fellowship Hall.
- Next Sunday will be the first service in May, Communion will be during the worship service and the Fellowship Dinner will immediately follow. Please plan to stay and take part in great company and delicious food.



This WEEK at Trinity

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Sunday April 28

10:00 am—10:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am—12:00 pm Morning Worship
5:00 pm—UMYF canceled

Monday April 29

7:00 pm—Boy Scouts

Tuesday April 30

11:00 am—Ugly Mug Study Group

Wednesday May 1

6:00 pm—Bible Study
7:00 pm—Choir Practice

Thursday May 2

11:00 am—Susanna Wesley/Wesleyan Circle

Friday May 3

9:00 am—MEOC

Saturday May 4

NO SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

Sunday May 5

10:00 am—10:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am—12:00 pm Morning Worship
12:00 pm—Fellowship Dinner
5:00 pm—UMYF

A Resurrection Story

Last Sunday, we celebrated Easter. Jesus proved the power of unconditional Love. He suffered all sin. His death fulfilled the due penalty of sin. He rose again to newness of life. Tuesday night Jeff had a District Pastor's Meeting. He asked, "When have you seen the congregation you serve be Jesus?" Jeff was asking us to share a resurrection story. The following is what I shared!

Sunday morning, Jaxson's family filled an entire pew. Jaxson whispered to his siblings. He directed their attention to see, hear, and experience various parts of the worship service. Who was he modeling? His joy and delight humbled him. It was as if he had inherited the earth! In that moment, Jaxson revealed what Jesus calls the "Blessed." The Kingdom of Heaven came near. King Jesus was glorified. How did this happen?

Has he arrived? Is the work in him complete? Has he made a profession of faith? Has he been baptized? Has he been made Holy as God is Holy? Have I? Have you? How many of Jaxson's family members attend our worship services and live in our community?

Now, pause a moment! Would that pew have been filled if Jaxson had not received our love? Look at the nature of Trinity's love. How often is our patience tried? Think about the times our kindness rolled off of him like water on a duck's back. Love that is patient and kind never insists on its own way. Such love is born of faith and lived with hope. Faith, Hope, and Love transforms the evil curse of sin into the blessing of living in the Kingdom of Heaven here on earth!

If such transformational, resurrection love produced this fruit in Jaxson's life, how much more will God bless you, us, Trinity Church, and all the people of the world? Easter Saints let us go to Galilee and learn even more about doing unto others as we would have them do unto us.

Isn't it true that blessing children comes easier than contentious adults? Maybe this is why Jesus says we must become like a little child to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. We start as little children. We grow up to become set in our ways. Jesus calls us to cross the finish line as little children. Let us become the Children of God. Let us walk the Way of the Cross, through the tomb, and into the Kingdom of Heaven that is here, now, but not complete until Christ returns.

Christianity is a way of life that begins with a choice to live the "rule of God." Let us go to Galilee to discover the rule of Blessing! Let us learn to be a blessing to one another. Let us learn to be a blessing to our insecure neighbor who want to lord over us, insist on their own way, and enslave us to the way of the World.

One in Christ,

Robert