

Trinity Trumpet

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*No matter how long
the winter, spring is
sure to follow.*



*From the
Pastor*

Lenten Pastor's Ponderings. . .

Deron Smith and his wife sat down with their three children, ages 6, 8, and 11, and attempted to explain the meaning of the period and some of the practices that go with it.

Lent is a time to do what the Bible calls 'repent.' This means that we walk toward God, not away from him. We say that we are sorry for the things we do that are not right. Lent is also a time when many Christians think about how they are living as they get ready to celebrate what Jesus did on the cross and through his resurrection.

Deron thought to himself, "so far, so good, the girls eyes were locked on him and hadn't glazed over. He also noted that they hadn't given their mom the sideways glance of 'really dad?!!"

So, some people like to show they are thinking about what Jesus gave up for us by giving up something they think has become too important to them, like their computers or coffee or dessert or meat or television. It doesn't make God love us more; it just makes us more open to God and less cluttered with our own junk.

The girls were still listening.

We would like to do the same as a family. We want to show God that we are thinking of him in a special way. Your mom and I are going to give up all desserts until Easter. We want you girls to think of what you could give up, something that means a lot to you.

The oldest daughter followed her parents leading and said, *I will give up sweets.*

Me too, the middle daughter chimed in.

The youngest daughter pondered the question a little longer, her six-year-old mind working all the angles. Dad thought that she was letting his deep teaching sink in, that she was pondering what really meant a lot to her. She finally nodded with satisfaction at her thoughtful conclusion and said confidently, *I want to give up consequences!*

Out of the mouths of babes comes a truth we all would like to give up at times. This Lent you are invited to “repent” and remember even with forgiveness there are still consequences.

Pondering what to give up,

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Consistory Corner

The Consistory met for the first time in 2022 on Monday, February 14 – Valentine’s Day.

Committee assignments were reviewed as we made our way through the agenda.

The audio and video equipment are working very well. Pam Bush has prepared a packet of information for those who serve in producing our Sunday service. We would welcome other assistants in this area. According to the reports from the video company over 100 views of the service happen each week. A number of Trinity members who are home or traveling have found the Sunday service and appreciated the opportunity to join with in morning worship.

Pastor Dave has been providing pastoral care to a number of families in both congregations since the first of the year. He has had five funerals since the start of 2022. He continues to teach confirmation and is serving in both the PennWest Conference and the Allegheny Synod.

Trinity Outreach provided an updated policy for gifts to be provided to those in need.

The special offering received in 2021 for Medical Debt retirement through the PennWest Conference will be returned to Trinity for use by Trinity Outreach to assist a family in need with medical bills. The program presented by the Conference was not able to purchase medical debt in our region as previously promised.

Approved the Lenten/Easter Schedule:

Fat Tuesday at Trinity – March 1

Ash Wednesday at Zion – March 2

Maundy Thursday at Trinity – April 14

Good Friday at Zion – April 15

Easter Sunday: Trinity will have one service at 9 a.m.

Received the audit report for 2021 that the Trinity books were in balance and in order with no material issues. Total income for 2021 totaled \$258,105.82 and total expenses were \$216,884.23.



Financial Reports submitted by our Financial Secretary, Renee Gindlesperger and Treasurer, Jean Ann Darr

January 2022

	CURRENT	MAINTENANCE	BENEVOLENCE
Beg. Balance	\$56,546.22	\$11,060.04	\$0.00
Receipts	\$16,213.77	\$700	\$5,065.00
Distributions	\$13,906.31	\$0	\$4,335.00
Ending Balance	\$58,853.68	\$11,760.04	\$730.00

Berlin Food Pantry/Souper Bowl (Individual Donations) – \$2,440.00;
Pastor’s Discretionary Fund - \$125; Camp Living Water - \$25; Mayfield Church \$1,745.00

Memorials (as of 2/20/22):

A gift was given to the Memorial Fund in Memory of **Lester Coslic**.

A gift was given to the Memorial Fund in Memory of **Dirkje Stellingwerf**.

Gifts were given to the Memorial Fund in Memory of **Jim & Kay Suder**.

--Jean Ann
Darr, Treasurer

FAT TUESDAY

Fat Tuesday – March 1

It has been called “Fasnacht Day” or “Paczki Day” – it’s Donut Day! Pastor Dave will be getting “donuts” called Paczki from Oakmont Bakery for us to enjoy that evening at 6 p.m. We will be having a “family dinner” of your favorite dishes to be shared via a giant buffet table. Please bring your own table service and a dish to share. Signup sheet is hanging on the Vine Street entrance at Trinity or speak with Sharon at Zion. We will enjoy food, fellowship, and a little comedy as we gather together before the start of Lent.



Ash Wednesday – March 2

This year we will gather at Zion Lutheran, Meyersdale for worship at 7 p.m. – 355 Center Street. A service of Ashes and Holy Communion will be offered. Ash Wednesday begins the 40 days [not including Sundays] to prepare for the celebration of Christ’s resurrection. Please join us for a holy evening of worship.



Palm Sunday HUGS & KISSES EVENTS

On Palm Sunday HUGS & KISSES will host a Sunday School event complete with Easter Egg Hunt following worship. Come and enjoy activities to celebrate the resurrection of Christ. Watch the Sunday bulletin for additional activities that day.

*Thank
You*

Dear Pastor and Congregation:

Thank you for participating in the 2021 Birthright Giving Tree drive. Your kindness, caring and generosity allows us to provide a layette of baby items to each, special "Birthright Baby" born throughout the year. Your kindness means so much to them.

Sincerely, "**Birthright of Somerset Inc.**"



Vacation Bible School Director!!!!!!

Responsibilities include:

- Choosing Curriculum
- Engaging Volunteers
- Experiencing the most wonderful week of the summer at Trinity!!!
- Speak with Kathy Spangler or Pastor Dave if you are willing to serve in this important ministry.



Welcome "Trexton David Peck" born January 13th, 6.6 pounds, 19.5" to Mom and Dad, Courtney and Brandon. And of course, proud Grandparents Amy Saylor and Craig Saylor and Great-Grandparents Karol and Carl Saylor!!



Those Remembered in prayer:

God's guidance and protection for Armed Forces.

Shut Ins:

Lew & Barb Berkley, Roy Bucher, Helen Diest, Mary Forespring, Janet Gindlesperger, Cynthia Kelly, Lois Krause, Deb Luteri, Lois Saylor.

Healing Concerns:

Sally Altfather, Mark Amyot, Donnie Baxter, Jim Benoit, Carol Boyer, Jim Coughenour, Pam Crooks, Larry Custer, Dana Dawson, Ray Engle, Pat Fritz, Mary Jane Harding, Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Larry Hay, Barry Landis, Jennifer Miller, Bob Murphy, Bonnie Murphy, Nancy Schrock, Avis Specht, Kelly Tharp, Adeline Vieregge, Robin Walker, Heather Weighley, Nancy Weighley, The Family of Karen Will, Kimberly Kay Roos Zimmerman, Gerald Zorn

Easter Sunday – April 17

**One Worship Service – 9 a.m.
Holy Communion and Trinity Bells
*No One Calls Your Name Like Jesus Can!***

Worship Assistants

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March 6th

Sound: Jim Darr, Tom Croner
Flowers: Nancy Hitte & Family
Acolyte: Kaitlyn Miller

March 13th

Sound: Chris King, Lori Gindlesperger
Flowers: Bob & Colleen Glotfelty
Bulletin: Larry & Judy McCullen
Acolyte: Nathan Spangler

March 20th

Sound: Gaye Maust, Tom Croner
Flowers: Michelle Vaughan & Nicole Parish
Acolyte: Vesper Ogburn

March 27th

Sound: Tyler Gindlesperger, Tom Croner
Flowers: Leonard & Shirley Gary
Acolyte: Cora Wright

April 3rd

Sound: Lori Gindlesperger, Chris King
Flowers: Larry & Gale Hay
Acolyte: Cohen Clark, Colton Custer

April 10th

Sound: Jim Darr, Russ Hillegas
Flowers: Robert & Lois Boburchock & Family
Acolyte: Lily Countryman

April 14th – Maundy Thursday

Sound: Tom Croner,
Flowers: Debbie Boyer

April 17th – Easter Sunday

Sound: Tom Croner, Pam Bush
Flowers: Debbie Boyer
Acolyte: Matt Miller

April 24th

Sound: Tyler Gindlesperger, Gaye Maust
Flowers: Michele Romesberg
Bulletin: Craig, Amanada, Knox & Tatum Stiffler
Acolyte: Nathan Spangler

**Please be advised the altar flowers have increased in cost to \$35 per Sunday.

The Whole Congregation in Ministry and Assisted by

Pastor: Rev'd Dr. David A. Williams

Church Secretary: Pam Bush

Financial Secretary: Renee Gindlesperger

Chancel Choir Director Emeritus: Linda Gallick

Handbells: Jeanne Hillegas

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