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Trinity United Methodist  
Church—Lickdale

# The GrapeVine Newsletter



To build a body of committed Christ-followers who demonstrate His love daily.

## March & April Edition

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If you have a prayer request or praise that you would like sent out by email to our Prayer Warriors, contact the church office at 717-865-4361 or send an email to trinitylickdale@gmail.com. If you would like to join the Prayer Warriors, contact the church office or Pastor Brian.

Dear friends in Christ,

This year, Lent begins on March 5. What is Lent all about? I knew nothing about Lent until I was a freshman in high school. I had started attending a United Methodist youth group because of an unrequited crush, and that year the pastor decided the youth should attend the church's Lenten services. So, in ignorance, I showed up at my first Ash Wednesday service—and there found some mysterious grace in the ashen cross drawn on my forehead. In time, I grew to learn that Lent is a way of marking time as sacred. It's a way of living the Scriptures, a way of entering the story of Jesus. Here are four aspects of Lent as I have experienced it:

Lent has been, first, a season for converts to the Christian faith to prepare for baptism, which often occurred at the Great Vigil on the Saturday night leading into Easter Sunday. This meant Lent was a season of fasting, since from the days of the New Testament fasting was essential preparation for both the baptized and baptizers. The earliest Christians were Jews and Gentile God-fearers who attended synagogue worship; they already worshipped the one true Creator, and Acts records how baptisms happened quickly. But as idolatrous Gentiles came to faith, there was a need for preparation—for learning both the content of the Christian faith and how to live as Christ's people. Lent, at its core, is a season for turning away from sin and turning toward God, for forsaking the old life and embracing the new creation in Christ.

Second, Lent is a season in the wilderness. Early on, this season for new converts seemed a helpful practice for the entire church. If self-denial and fasting were good for baptismal candidates, were they not also good for all Christians? Had not Christ himself spent forty days in the wilderness, being tempted by the devil? How could Christ's church not also follow in his footsteps? Christ's forty days in the wilderness echoed Israel's forty years of testing and trial. Israel's identity as God's

people was forged in the wilderness, and Christ's identity was tested in the wilderness ("If you are the Son of God..."). Baptismal candidates experienced a similar formation, and the church as a whole has its identity tested: Will we surrender to the lusts of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, or will we, like our Lord, resist? Will we be sustained by every word that comes from the mouth of God? Will we follow wherever God would lead?

Third, Lent is a journey to the cross. Easter was preceded by Good Friday, and Good Friday by Holy Week; resurrection victory was heralded by suffering and death. Holy Week itself moves from Palm Sunday's entrance to Jerusalem amid cries of Hosanna to Good Friday's chilling echoes of "Crucify him"; and that movement casts its shadow over all of Lent, leading us along as if we were Jesus' first disciples. Will we make the same choices they did? Will we, too, betray him, deny him, abandon him to his fate on the Roman cross? Will we keep watch for even one hour?

These are the questions Lent asks of us. In Lent, we follow our Lord like he told us to—denying ourselves, taking up our crosses, disciples destined for death. And so, fourth, Lent is our dress rehearsal. All wanting to lead a godly life in Christ Jesus will face persecution (2 Tim 3:2); it is only through many tribulations that we enter the kingdom of God (Acts 14:22). When push comes to shove, will we still follow? Lent is our dry run, our bench test, our annual check-up, to make sure everything's in working order. Our Ash Wednesday service exhorts us to observe a holy Lent by self-examination and repentance, by prayer, fasting, and self-denial, and by reading and meditating on God's Holy Word. If we do, what God might do in us?

*Blessings,*

*Pastor Brian Rhea*

### Easter Flowers

Order forms are on the table in the lobby and due Sunday, March 30. Give order form and money to Kitty Werner or Deb Shuey. Flowers can be taken home Easter Sunday, April 20.

#### Flower Choices:

Easter Lillies \$9 each 6" pot  
Tulips \$7.50 each 6" pot  
Gerber Daisy \$4.50 each (4.5" pot)

**March Birthdays**

Angus Blair	5
Barb Rollman	6
Sherry Brown	6
Sam Simniskis	14
Steve George	17
Dani Newman	19
Kelly Housman	20
Ethel Lambert	21
Chris Werner	25
Liam Blair	31

**Happy Birthday!**



**April Birthdays**

Kenneth Kindt	3
Olli Kreiser	3
Josiah Rhea	4
Erin Shuey	4
Skylar Gibson	4
Ireland Gibson	6
Verling Hostetter	9
Asher Reynolds	9
Shirley Shaffer	11
Kitty Werner	16
Brodi Blair	17
Debra Boyer	17
Debra Hetrick	18
Carrie Shuey	20
Jacey Gibson	20
Gayeleen Eckert	22
Gay Kreiser	22
Jean Bower	23
Krystopher Hawkins	23
Brynnley Jo Kreiser	23
Gloria Speck	24
James Hetrick	25

**March Anniversaries**

Gene & Shirley Shaffer	29
John & Pat Mengel	31



**April Anniversaries**

Charles & Kelly Dresch	20
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**Summer Church Camp**

Start picking your Summer Church Camp Adventure. Brochures for Gretna Glen Camp and Retreat Center are available in the lobby. This year, the church will pay half the fee for one camp for any child/youth from Trinity who attends. Need help selecting a camp for your child, see Pastor Brian or Sheila Seaman.

**Adult Sunday School Classes ~ 9 am**



**JOIN OUR STUDY**

**Adult Class (Fellowship Hall) - led by Sue Werner**  
*Studying The Chosen, Season 4*

**Adult Class (next to the Sanctuary) - led by Jeff Werner**  
*Studying The Chosen, Season 1*

**Food for Thought.....**

Our Church family at Trinity is relevant in keeping our lives and actions focused on Christian values. In order to continue our mission, financial support is Biblical. Without the giving of Trinity's members, our mission is misdirected from saving lives to keeping the church financially healthy. Remember, the words in James 1:17 *"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows."* We were created as God's first fruits, so shall we return that to God!

Blessings,  
Bruce Boltz, SPRC Chairperson

**Bible Study Groups**

Meet the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month. 7 to 8:15 pm

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Men meet in the SS classroom next to the Sanctuary. Studying Book of Ephesians. Questions see Terry Binkley.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Women meet in Fellowship Hall and will be starting a new study in March. Questions see Lori Voight or Deb Shuey.

Bring your Bible and come out for an evening of fellowship, prayer and studying God's Word.



**Spring Ahead**

Daylight Saving Time Begins—Sunday, March 9 (Turn clocks ahead 1 hour)

**NL UMC Food Distribution Saturday, March 8 & April 12.**

1 pm (while supplies last) at Jonestown UMC parking lot  
If you are in need of food, stop by.



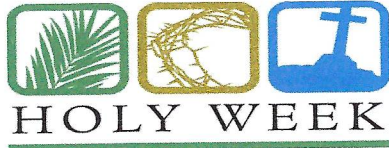
Don't forget to support with donations of new or gently used clothing. Check them out on



**Northern Lebanon United Methodist Cluster Lenten Series "Beatitudes from Matthew 5" 7 pm on a Wednesday**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Host Church</u>	<u>Pastor/Message</u>
March 5	Jonestown UMC	Gail Rickard/Poor in Spirit /Mourn
March 12	Fredericksburg UMC	Al Smith/Meek
March 19	Bellegrove UMC	Tom Robinson/Righteousness
March 26	Emmanuel UMC	Matt Whyland/Merciful
April 2	Trinity UMC	Robb Faller/Pure in Heart
April 9	Ono UMC	Brian Rhea/Peacemakers

Our local United Methodist Churches will be gathering together each Wednesday evening during Lent. Refreshments following each service.



**Maundy Thursday, April 17 at 7 pm**  
at Trinity UMC w/ Communion  
Combined with Ono & Fredericksburg UMC

**Good Friday, Seven Last Words, April 18**  
12–3 pm at Jonestown UMC

**Easter Vigil, April 19 7 to 9 pm**  
at Trinity UMC  
Candlelight, Scripture & Songs of Praise

**Easter Sunday Services, April 20**  
8 am Early Morning Service (w/ Communion)  
9 am Easter Breakfast  
10 am Easter Worship Service

*Celebrate Easter with Us!*



**Prayer and Holy Communion Service**

Thursdays at 11 am in the Sanctuary. A simple service of Scripture, sharing, extended time for prayer, and gathering at the Lord's Table.

*All are welcome.*

**Easter Egg Stuffing Party—April 6**

Join the fun as we fill eggs with sweets and treats for the Easter Egg Hunt.



Sunday, April 6 following the Worship Service in Fellowship Hall. Everyone (young and old) is welcome to help stuff eggs. Questions see Brooke George.



**Easter Breakfast ~ Join Us!**  
Sunday, April 20  
at 9 am (multipurpose room)



Bring your favorite "hot" breakfast food (breakfast casserole, breakfast potatoes, bacon, ham etc.) or fruit. Everyone is encouraged to attend this blessed gathering and stay for our Easter Worship Service at 10 am.



**Easter Egg Hunt & more**  
Saturday, April 19  
11 am

All kids up to 6th Grade are invited to our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Questions see Brooke George.

**Bring your Easter basket and Join Us!**

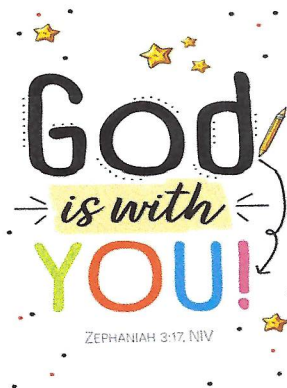
A sign up sheet for candy and monetary donations is on the table in the lobby. Place candy in the kitchen and monetary donations can be given to Brooke. All donations are due March 30.



**Church Directory Updates:**

Please make the following updates in your 2025 church directory:

Revise John & Donna Worm's address:  
108 2nd Avenue  
Houston, MS 38851



**Worship Service Volunteers**

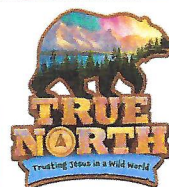
The Church is looking for volunteers to help with Jr. Church during the Worship Service.

Also, sign-up to read Scripture, be a Greeter, prepare Communion Elements and lead in a Children's Message during the Worship Service. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the lobby.

**Spiritual Practices Bible Study**

**April 23 to May 7**  
Wednesday evenings 7—8 pm

What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus Christ? What spiritual practices can help us walk with Christ? We'll examine—and put into practice!—classic Christian ways of meditating on Scripture, prayer, and fellowship.



**True North VBS**  
*Trusting Jesus in a Wild World*

July 6 to 10 6:30—8:30 pm  
3 years old thru completed 9th grade

At True North VBS, kids will hit the trail and discover that they can trust Jesus in this Alaskan adventure where northern lights glow over majestic mountains, racing rivers and glistening glaciers.

True North VBS is filled with awesome Bible Adventures where kids will be pointed to Jesus, a faithful friend we can trust. Our young hikers will create awesome crafts, enjoy glacier games and eat some tundra snacks.

Bring your friends and let's hit the Trail!

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### Sunday Schedule

Sunday School 9 am in the Sunday School Hallway (Classes for all ages - nursery through adult)

Worship Service 10 am in the Sanctuary

Handicap Accessible.

**Bible Studies and Small Groups** (see weekly church bulletin for a complete schedule or contact the church)

Men's and Women's Bible Studies meet 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month from 7 to 8:15 pm

Women in Faith Ministry (UMW) meet 4th Tuesday of the month at 7 pm

Trinity Kidz Group and Youth Group meet 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month from 6 to 7:30 pm

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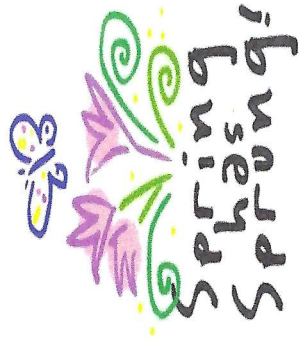
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23 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service	24	25 2 pm United Women in Ministry (UWM) / 7 pm Trustee Meeting	26 7 pm Lent Service at Emmanuel UMC	27 11 am Prayer & Communion Service 7 pm Worship Team Practice	28	29
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13 <b>Palm Sunday</b> 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service	14	15 9 am Koffee Klatch (Quilting Group)	16	17 <b>Maundy Thursday</b> 11 am Prayer & Communion Service 7 pm Maundy Thursday Service at Trinity (combined with Ono and Fredericksburg UMC)	18 <b>Good Friday</b> 12-3 pm Seven Last Words Prayer Service at Jonestown UMC (combined with Ono and Fredericksburg UMC)	19 11 am Easter Egg Hunt & more 7 pm Easter Vigil 
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