



TRINITY TIMES

Trinity United Church of Christ
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MARCH, 2026

Information:

Worship Schedule

Sunday Service

9:00am

Fellowship Time

10:00am

Sunday School

10:30am

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When Life Needs a Little Wind

Botanists say that trees need the powerful March winds to flex their trunks and main branches, so that the sap is drawn up to nourish the budding leaves.

Perhaps we need the gales of life in the same way, though we dislike enduring them. A blustery period in our fortunes is often the prelude to a new spring of life and health, success and happiness, when we keep steadfast in faith and look to the good in spite of appearances.

—Jane Truax

The Choice to Be Human

Both Adam and Jesus faced the same temptation—the lure to “be like God.” Adam reached for divinity and stepped over the line, bringing sin and separation into the world. Jesus, however, chose humility. He remained obedient, fully human, and through His obedience brought redemption to all.

Adam’s choice turned humanity into a burden; Jesus’ faithfulness made humanity a blessing. The irony is striking: the one who tried to be God failed even to live as a man, while the one who was content to be human became known as the Son of God.

As Philippians 2:6-8 (NIV) reminds us, “[Christ Jesus], being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage... he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross.” May we follow His example in humility and obedience.



March Special Dates

- 6th: World Day of Prayer
- 8th: Daylight Savings
- 17th: St. Patrick's Day
- 20th: 1st Day of Spring
- 29th: Palm Sunday





Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' (Mark 12:30-31 NIV)

Friends in Christ,

The Journey of Lent began for us on Ash Wednesday. This forty-day season is one of returning to God with all of our heart, seeking to be reconciled with our Creator. We mark the season by following the life and ministry of Jesus, the Son of God and Messiah of God's people. Many people of faith also elect to immerse themselves in attending worship services, reading their bible or daily devotions, and spending dedicated time in prayer and reflection. Others still, will devote themselves to charitable works, doing good to others, and serving those around them as a form of service to God's people in the name of Christ. All of these are good choices for us who wish to recommit ourselves to the life of faith in this holy season.

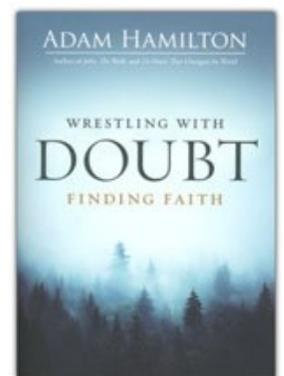
I encourage all to spend some time reflecting on their life of faith, recalling the life that Jesus calls his followers to live. A life of love, compassion, mercy, and kindness. May we each seek to live-out these commands from our Savior, who seeks to lead us away from aimlessness and sin, to a life of love and charity. The life that Jesus proclaims is really worth living.

Blessing to All for a Meaningful Lenten Season,

Pastor Steve

Lenten Study

The Lenten Study for 2026 began Sunday February 22nd. We have two meeting options: Sundays or Wednesdays at 10:30am. This is a book/video study in combination with the book "Wrestling With Doubt, Finding Faith" by Adam Hamilton. Books are available in the church office. Sign up sheets are on the bulletin boards in the narthex and outside of the office. We hope you can join us!



2026 Consistory

We would like to welcome our new Consistory members and officers. If you have any concerns or issues, ideas for outreach or a desire to serve your church in some capacity, please talk with any member. We pray for God's guidance to uphold the mission of Trinity Church within our church family and the broader community outside our doors.

New Members: Dean Krout, Mark Cornbower, Ellie Rebert, Lori Smith

Officers: Lorene Crooks (President); Ellie Rebert (Vice President);
Brad Eline (Treasurer); Kobie Klunk (Secretary)



Youth Group

The Youth Group will gather for fellowship after service on March 8th. This will be a time to reconnect and discuss ideas for service projects and events. Anyone in middle school or high school is welcome to join in with this new ministry.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Save the date! This year's VBS will be June 22nd - 26th. We will be in need of students and helpers. More information will be announced at a later date. Please contact the office if you'd like to volunteer.



HACC Update

- Code Blue cold weather shelter doors open nightly at 7pm and departure is 9am next day
- Clothing bank most needed items currently: bra's, underwear, dryer sheets, plastic hangers, men's clothing, children's clothing 5T and up, and bedding
- Changing Lives Shelter most needed items currently: personal hygiene items, feminine hygiene products, travel size shampoo & conditioner, washcloths, bar soap and body wash, hot hands/feet, and toothpaste



Anyone wishing to donate please contact HACC - 717-633-6353



Puzzle!

HOW'S THE WEATHER?

Use the code below to fill in these forecasts in places where Jesus traveled:

CODE:

A=☺	D=☼	H=☼	M=☆	P=◆	T=■	W=☒
B=♣	E=+	I=*	N=↑	R=●	U=□	Y=⌞
C=☼	G=*	L=★	O=↓	S=○	V=☒	Z=⌞

Mt. Hermon ○ ↑ ↓ ☒

Jericho ☼ ↓ ■

Jerusalem ☆ * ★ ☼

Dead Sea Area ■ ● ↓ ◆ * ☼ ☺ ★ ☼ ✦ ☺ ■

Sea of Galilee * □ ○ ■ ⌞ ☒ * ↑ ☼ ○

Mediterranean Coast ● ● ✦ ✦ ⌞ ⌞



Answers: snow, hot, mild, tropical heat, gusty winds, breezy



LOVE CODE BREAKER

Change some of the letters below to reveal this verse!

Change:

C's to L Z's to H P's to R
J's to A Q's to T X's to E
K's to O

(The other letters stay the same.)

" L _ _ _ _ _
C K V X Q Z X C K P D Y K U P

_ _ _ _ _
G K D W I Q Z J C C Y K U P

_ _ _ _ _
Z X J P Q J N D W I Q Z J C C

_ _ _ _ _
Y K U P S K U C J N D W I Q Z

_ _ _ _ _
J C C Y K U P M I N D J N D

_ _ _ _ _
W I Q Z J C C Y K U P

_ _ _ _ _
S Q P X N G Q Z "

Mark 12:30

Answer: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength."

Lessons From A Little Voice

A woman invited several guests over for dinner. When everyone gathered around the table, she turned to her 6-year-old daughter and asked, "Would you like to say the blessing?"

"I don't know what to say," the little girl replied.

Her mother smiled. "Just say what you hear Mommy say."

The child bowed her head and prayed sincerely, "Dear Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"



Day	Anniversaries	Yrs.
5	Joel & Karen Weaver	49
19	Doug & Joyce Barnhart	54
21	Bob & Barb Williams	55
42	Tony & Peggy Brallier	42
30	Andrew & Rebecca Blumenthal	52

If your birthday or anniversary was omitted, please contact the office to help update our records.



Arlene Dubbs March 1
Clyde Leppo March 29

*IN LOVING
Memory*

Jack Leib 6/24/1938 - 1/28/2026

EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM

Qty.	Description
_____	Easter Lily - \$14
_____	Mums - \$13
_____	Tulips - \$11

****Flowers will be at service on Easter April 5th. We ask you take your flower(s) with you following worship that day.***

**** Deadline for ordering is Monday, March 9th. Payment due before March 9th. Cash or check; checks payable to Trinity UCC.***

Your Name: _____

Phone Number: _____



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Trinity's Mission Statement: Trinity United Church of Christ strives to be a warm, caring family of Christian believers. Our calling is to witness and strengthen the Christian faith through meaningful worship, Christian education, and Christian living in the home, the community, and the world.

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