

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT TRINITY

Thursday (3/18)

5:00 Community Table.
6:30 Cub Scouts.
6:30 Education Comm. Meeting.

Friday (3/19)

6:00 A.A..

Saturday (3/20)

7:00 Meth. Anonymous.

No Sunday Night Live on Sunday, March 28th.

Devotional and Luncheon

Each Wednesday through March 31 we will have a short worship service in the sanctuary beginning at 12:05 p.m. and then go to our Fellowship Hall for our lunch. This is a community event and we encourage everyone to come and participate in this annual event as we get ready for Easter.

Lift up in Prayer

A Ministry Cluster is a group of 4 to 9 local churches who choose to work together to accomplish the Gospel mission in their area, and it is also be a group of local churches who share common ministry needs and who work together to learn from each other. We have a rotation list of the churches in our cluster to lift up in prayer. This week (March 14-March 20) we will lift up in prayer Avilla Calvary United Methodist Church. Next Week (March 21-March 27) we will lift up Kendallville Faith United Methodist Church.

Men's Tuesday night

Bible Study

Meets Weekly

Men's Bible Study on Tuesday Night @ 6:30. We will use the video resource "That the World may Know - The Promised Land." This study will be taught from the Biblical sights, with Bible teacher Ray Vander Laan. We will discover how God guided his people to a specific place - the Promised Land - to impact the world both ancient and today. (Standing at the crossroads @ Tel Gezer, Wet feet @ Jordan River, First fruits @ Tel Jericho, Confronting evil @ Tel Beth Shemesh, and Iron of culture @ Tel Azekah)

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Director of Children & Families: Sonja Richards -- Youth Director: Jon Zinnel -- Church Secretary: Hazel Mapes



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OUR PURPOSE STATEMENT: Trinity Church is a people exalting God, growing in discipleship, reaching our community while caring and serving as Jesus did.

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Sunday, March 21

The Church Has Left The Building!

9:00 LAUNCH SERVICE IN SANCTUARY

5:00 CELEBRATION GATHERING IN FELLOWSHIP HALL WITH MEAL FOLLOWING

6:30 AL-A-NON

7:00 AA MEETING

Sunday Morning Bread

The Peacemakers (Elementary Youth Group) will be selling homemade bread on Sunday mornings during Lent.

People are not convinced by teaching but by encounter...doctrine follows as a way of explaining the impact ~ J.V.Taylor

This was a quote from Alan Hirsch, one of the Christian leaders / authors I have as a "friend" on Facebook. It is a good reminder that we as Christians are called to engage and encounter, not just gather and spout doctrine. Another "friend" I have on Facebook is Dan Kimball. He pastors Vintage Faith Church. He recently posted that he appreciated the insights and critique given by an atheist that had recently worshipped at the church he pastors. (the blog / critique is located at <http://churchgoing.wordpress.com/2010/01/31/vintage-faith/> if you are interested).



Dan Kimball read the atheist's post and another reviewer, who was Christian, about attending churches on Sunday morning. As Dan Kimball was thinking about this, he commented on his blog and Facebook post. He wrote:

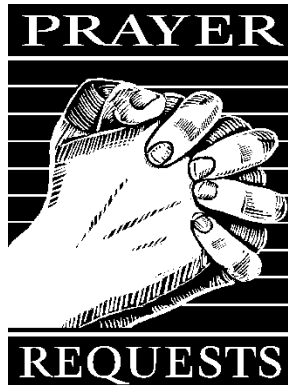
"the weirdest part to me, is that the church review is always about 'Sunday'. For Christians as we think of church, we shouldn't be thinking you visit on a Sunday and that is what you then think of the church. That is one meeting of the church. To truly understand a church, you would want to know what the church does all week long. What other meetings and community do they have? How do the people of the church treat their neighbors? Are they respected in their community? etc. Not just evaluate the Sunday meeting..... But this writer of the blog, states he is an atheist so this wouldn't apply to him - as it is understandable you define church by 'Sunday'. But I hope as Christians we will think of 'church' as all week long and on Sunday is when the larger group may all meet together - but church is not defined by the Sunday meeting."

This coming Sunday, we are going to encounter our community in a time normally set aside to gather as a community of faith and be "fed." We are taking this relatively risky approach to Sunday worship to remind ourselves that worship is more than gathering in the building, and doing what is comfortable and "respectable." It is about how we live out our faith all the other times we are not gathered in the church building. We are also doing this to send a strong message to our friends, relatives, work associates, and neighbors. We want to show them our faith is about being blessed, but it is also about being a blessing. Yes, we could do this at other times, and we do. However, by doing this on Sunday morning, it may cause people to take notice, ask questions, and Rethink Church. If they rethink church, they may just rethink their relationship with God and God's people. The early Methodists were known by their love of God (personal piety) and their love of neighbor (social holiness).

Please, make a special effort to be a part of this time this weekend, not only on Sunday morning, but Sunday night as well, when we will gather back to hear the stories and celebrate the morning, that we did not go to church, but that we were the church!

Serving with you!

Pastor Scott



Terina Abel, Phil Alexander, Marilyn Alligood, Gertrude Arnold, Anna Bailey, Eden Banks, Charlotte Bedson, Maxine Berhalter, Kyle Bloom, Jean Bonecutter, Floyd Burnworth, Kitty Burnworth, Virginia Buttermore, Jim Chaffins, Diane Claybaugh, Jan Corbin, Fred Cornett, Del & Mary Cortner's son, Eleanor Davis, The Family of Joyce Diggins, Ben Earley, Marvin Fager, The Family of

Jean Fox, Donni Frain, Beth Friskney, Jason Gienger, Todd Gipson, Sarah Grismore, Mac and Helen Grossman, Doug Haddock, Beth Hager, Wayne Hartigan, David Haskins, Raven Hensley, Ida Hewlitt, Brad Huff, Kathy James, Mike Johnson, Virginia Kirschner, Todd Kline, Lois Kruger, Evan Lash, Kara Lilly, Kenneth Marks, Austin McCormick, Bill McGuire, Cindy Mercer, Peggy Messer, Phil Ogden, Chuck and Michelle Phillips, Annie Pratt, Patricia Faye Pulis, Mary Pyle, Ashley Rhinehart, Evelyn Rice, Martha Ringler, Betty Rinker, Adam Ross, Nanette Russell, Justin Scher, Kim Shatto, Joan Shippy, Jeff Sonne (Auto accident), Karen Steelman, Sean Tarney, Tina Terry, Bob Vale, Deena Vale, Betty VanWinkle, Becky & Emily Winstrom, Vi Woujas, Sharon Woods, Cousin, Jerry, with Colon Cancer, Brother who has cancer; Grandson who has brain cancer, Mom who is in hospital with heart problems, Sister who fractured her shoulder, Myself, Son and Daughter, my Mother-in-law with Parkinson's, My Family, Tammy, Father-in-law, Someone going through many changes in their life, Friend going through tough situations, A Job for my Sons and all in need of work, My Mom, Sister—Jean—In Indianapolis who has lost job and is currently unemployed, The people affected by the Earthquake in Haiti.

Can You Help??? One of our female parishioners needs a ride to and from Indianapolis either April 1, 2 or 3 and back after Easter. If you are able to do this, or know of someone who could, please contact the church office.

Can We Help??? There are times that our Trinity Family members are hospitalized, sick, or in need of prayer and your pastors do not know. Please contact the church office via phone, e-mail, or any way you'd like and let us know how we can best be there for you (either visit, phone call, prayer, etc). Please remember if a visit is desired contact information, place, and date are very helpful. No request is too small.

The Church Has Left The Building!



Join with our whole Trinity Church family for ReThinking Church – Putting our Faith into Action during Lent (Sunday, February 21-Sunday, March 21). During these four weeks in Lent we have focused on biblical compassion, service, and Christ's heart for those in need through special small groups, daily devotionals, and worship services. Be a part of a landmark day in Trinity's history, when on March 21 we adjust all worship services and instead worship through service in and with the community. We will have a short "Launch" worship service at 9:00 A.M. to send us from within the walls out into our community. At 5:00 P.M. we will gather back in Fellowship Hall to celebrate, hear and tell of our adventures and enjoy a meal together.

We will be serving through these projects, all designed to directly touch lives and reflect Christ's love to others in our community: check green sheet for details. As you can see, there's a project for everyone, and we are shooting for 100% participation.

Sign ups for the service projects have been in your Sunday morning bulletins, mailed to you, and are available on the table in the Narthex (the green sheet). Please return your sign-up sheet back to the church either in the offering plate on Sunday morning or drop it off at the church office to give us an idea of what you plan to do. If you have not filled out your green sheet by March 21, you may still participate. Pre-registration is helpful but not required. If you cannot attend on Sunday, March 21 you can still participate by helping buy items for the UMCOR Health Kits (9) 1 Nail File or Fingernail Clipper (No Emery Boards or Toenail Clippers), (9) 1 Comb (Large & Sturdy not Pocket Size), (7--\$14.00) \$2.00 Cash Donation (\$1.00 for toothpaste and \$1.00 to Ship Kits to UMCOR).

We are not just serving the community, but serving with the community. So please begin now to ask God which family members, friends or neighbors you should invite to join our service projects on March 21. Together we can make a difference in our community!

Don't just go to church—BE the church as we ReThink Church, and put our Faith into Action during Lent. For more information, contact the pastor or staff member, or the office for the appropriate contact person for the respective need.

For more information how this coordinates with the national UMC campaign and focus, feel free to visit www.10thousanddoors.org.

“Passionate Worship” An Epistle from Bishop Mike



Among the five practices of fruitful congregations which Bishop Robert Schnase will emphasize during our teaching day at Annual Conference on Thursday, June 10th, the most intriguing and most difficult to define is Passionate Worship. I know that Robert has various ways of describing Passionate Worship, and I hear many people throw around terms like “contemporary worship” or “classic worship” or “blended worship.” It seems everyone has an opinion about worship – especially about the music used within our worship services – but also about liturgy, dress (robes, casual dress, etc.), architecture, video screens, lectionary scripture readings, clapping or not, liturgical dance, the use of the arts and drama, and of course the all-important time of worship, both the hour it begins and the length of time allowed. The list goes on and on, and it seems that we Christians can engage in endless discussions, arguments, and even church fights over worship.

So what is “Passionate Worship” and how does it help our congregations to be more fruitful? I am sure that Bishop Schnase will help us with that question, and I do appreciate the content of his book and his website materials.

I only offer one thought: Passionate Worship is all about changed lives. If no one is ever changed, moved, or transformed during worship, then it is probably not Passionate Worship. That simple measurement is not about music choices, worship styles, high church or low church, liturgy, or anything other than the reality of individuals being changed by the presence and power of God during worship. For some people that change may be a change of thinking as they deal with new concepts and ideas that help shape their lives. For other people that change may be a heart-moving experience of God's love and forgiveness which begins the healing process. For still others that change may involve a response to an invitation to engage in new action, new forms of service, or new ways of bringing God's Kingdom into reality in the world. Passionate Worship comes in many forms, but all of those forms involve an encounter with the living reality of God, a response from the worshiper, and a new life.

This past Sunday, I was present with the Faithpoint United Methodist Church (a new church which we chartered last year at Annual Conference) to celebrate their chartering, their new worship space (an old grocery store they have purchased and rehabbed into a lovely facility), and their continuing growth. Although I hope my sermon added to the occasion, the really powerful part of that worship service was the “testimony” provided by four different individuals who shared their story of how being involved in that church had changed their lives. Hearing those stories proved to be a reminder of Passionate Worship. I pray that you and your congregation will have Passionate Worship sometime during this season of Lent and Easter.

I pray that somewhere in the midst of announcements, prayer concerns that sometimes sound like an “organ recital” of describing illnesses, and whatever worship style or format you use – I pray that somewhere in the midst of all that you actually have an encounter with the living reality of God – an encounter which changes your life and sets you on a new course of faithfulness. May all of our United Methodist congregations in Indiana be filled with Passionate Worship. Amen.

Bishop Michael J. Coyner, Indiana Area of The United Methodist Church



EDUCATION SPRING CARNIVAL Sunday, April 11 – 4:30—6:30 p.m.

At the Spring Carnival, you will travel through Candyland playing games, doing crafts and learning who you can be extra sweet to and why.

Easter Lilies, Tulips, & Hyacinths

It's that time of year again!!! The time to be thinking about the Easter season and as we do this we think about decorating our church. This year we will again be decorating our sanctuary with Easter Lilies, Tulips, and Hyacinths. Easter Lilies, Tulips and Hyacinths cost \$13.00 each. If you'd like to provide an Easter Flower in memory or honor of someone dear to you, please fill out and return the form below. Please return the form by Monday, March 29.

EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM

Amount Enclosed \$_____

___Easter Lily ___Tulip ___Hyacinth

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Given by: _____

Phone _____

Easter Lilies, Tulips, & Hyacinths \$13.00/each

