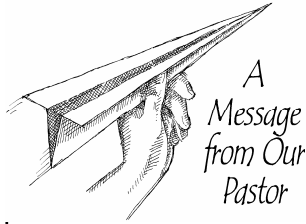


# Trinity Christian UCC

## April Newsletter 2011



A  
Message  
from Our  
Pastor

Now is the time to invite everyone you know to our very, very special Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter services. The festivities take off Sunday, April 17 with a most special celebration of Jesus' triumphal entry in Jerusalem to begin his final week on earth. You have never attended a service like this one. We need ALL CHILDREN and YOUTH to help with the Hosannas and the marching. We will have music from the choir. We shall rejoice with the King of Kings.

Maundy Thursday is April 21 as we come together in the power of the Holy Spirit to join Jesus in the Last Supper of the One condemned to die for your salvation and mine. This service is the foundation of all other communion services held throughout the year. The service will be preceded by a simple meal in the educational building at 6 pm.

The observance of Good Friday will begin with a devotional service at noon in the sanctuary. The Tenebrae Service of Shadows will hold us squarely in the ambiguity of those shadowy hours between the death of the Son of God and His resurrection. Join us at 7:30 as we gather in this in-between time to share scripture and prayer as we mourn his awful death.

Sunday, April 24 at 7 am, is one of my favorite services of the year. We are so blessed to have our own cemetery in which to SHOUT ALLELUIA in the very place where the dead in Christ will be raised to share the glory of the first-born of the dead. You will never think of the cemetery in the same way again after this devotional service at the cross.

And then...the HIGH, HOLY day of EASTER. The day that changed the reckoning of time all people on earth; because of these events we changed our weekly community worship from the seventh day Sabbath to the first day of the week, Sunday. All other Sundays of the year (including those in Lent) are marked as "little Easter." **Bring your family and friends.** Bring every non-believer you can talk into coming. We want as many marginal and unchurched folks as we can pack into the worship space at 10:15 am. Jesus has done what none of us can do for ourselves. Help me extend the invitation of hope won by the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus on this glorious day.

Pray for the Spring meeting of the Penn Southeast Conference to be held April 9 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lansdale 8:30 to 4:30. We hope to have two delegates in addition to the pastor. These are difficult times for the Conference and your support is greatly needed.

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CEMETERY CLEAN UP April 9, Time: 9:30AM (rain date April 16) Come prepare the grounds for the celebration of Easter. Are YOU or YOUR children having a special event? Allow Pastor Michael to appreciate it with you. Call now. An event at school. Something you are doing in the community. A favorite hobby or pass time. A new home. Just as you would attend as a family member or parent call Pastor so he can get to know you, your family, your child in the name of the Lord who is with us every moment of the day.

PARSONAGE: Work continues on the parsonage. Replacement concrete retaining wall and handrail were installed in front of the house the end of March. The next project is the installation of water and drain lines to provide for a stackable washer and dryer on the main level in the butler's pantry. Donations of bushes, bulbs and trees would be gladly appreciated as the yard is being reworked. A lilac bush and dogwood tree would be especially welcomed.

**What Would You Like this Summer?**

What scripture OR topic have you always wanted addressed in a SERMON? This summer will be your opportunity to offer a theme or scripture for a sermon or series of sermons. Think about it !! Call now or drop your request in the Sunday offering plate. Plans for June, July and August worship will be begun in EARLY May. Submit your ideas now. (And, if you know a Sunday you will be away note that as well as your suggestion for coordination.)

**\*\* The same goes for any hymns – in our worship book or not – you have wanted to have sung on Sunday mornings. Submit your requests.**

A SPRING CLEAN-UP of the church is overdue!! Lend a hand to do all of the chores that are beyond the weekly responsibilities of our Custodian and Sexton. You are needed. Wash a window. Dust. Clean out a flower bed. Serve your Lord by the beautification of our holy space. April 16, Time: 9 AM



<i>Easter Services/Schedule</i>		
<b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>10:15 AM</b>	
<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>Communion</b>
<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>Noon</b>	<b>Devotional Service</b>
	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>Tenebrae Service</b>
<b>Easter</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b>	<b>Service</b>
	<b>7:30 AM</b>	<b>Easter Breakfast</b>
		<b>9:00 AM Sun-</b>
 <b>Tenebrae Service</b>	<b>day School</b>	<b>10:15 AM</b>
		<b>Communion Service</b>


## Consistory News.....from Harry Crossgrove

### April

As always this time of the year sees many changes. This time of the year the snow is leaving us and the flowers are starting to poke their heads through the ground. In our church life, this has also been a time where we have seen a marked change in the seasons of Trinity. Pastor Michael Evans now has his feet firmly planted here at Trinity . He has completed his second full month as our new Pastor. This weekend will make this next season of our church official as we experience the installation service of Pastor Evans with him, Sunday April 3, 2011 at 2:30. I certainly hope to see all of you there as we join our church, community, and friends in welcoming Pastor Evans officially.

This past month the decisions made at our consistory meeting still seem to be centered on the beginning of Pastor Evans pastorate as well as completing the first phase of the parsonage revitalization projects. Consistory approved a bid to replace and repair the retaining wall in front of the parsonage as well as replace the fence/ railing that was broken with a fence that is up to code. This project, along with the fixing of the front porch, are the final steps of the first phase of the parsonage project. Property committee will be looking in the future to get a plan together to present to the congregation for the revitalization of the second floor of the Parsonage. At the suggestion of the Stewardship Committee, the money brought in from both the Gala and the Vera Bradley Events will go directly toward the repairs needed for the parsonage. The final decision made at last months meeting was to approve the expenditure of up to \$50 to promote the installation service for Pastor Michael in the community section of the BuxMont courier.

There are a lot of events coming up in the next month or so at Trinity Christian. I look forward to seeing all of you at these events as we celebrate and fellowship together.

Fri. Apr 1 – Vera Bradley Bingo 6:00

Sun. Apr 3 – Installation Service 2:30

Sat. Apr 16 – Social Committee Disney Family Dinner

Sun Apr 17 – Palm Sunday

Thurs Apr 21 – Maundy Thurs Dinner and Service

Friday Apr 22 – Good Friday Service

Sun Apr 24 – Easter Sunday

7:00 - Sunrise Service @ Cross

7:30 – Breakfast

9:00 – Sunday School

10:15 – Communion Service

On behalf of the Consistory and Congregation there are numerous people that I need to thank. First of all, the Pastor Search committee for their endless hours over the last year plus working hard to bring us Pastor Evans. Next, I need to thank the Property Committee and all of the congregation members who joined them in any part of the Parsonage renovations project. Finally I need to thank all of the members of Trinity for working hard and supporting each other throughout this transition period. Without all of us working together we would not have been able to have it run as smoothly as it has.

THANK YOU ALL !!!

**Community Lent  
Worship Series**

***Theme: Encounters to the Cross***

These last two Wednesday services are at 7:30 PM. The host church will also provide a fellowship time following the service.

The offerings will be going to three local food banks:  
Jerusalem Food Bank, Interfaith and Manna

**April 6 Wednesday Mary's/ Leslie Kearney/ Bethel Hill UMC  
Lansdale**

**April 13 Wednesday The Centurion/ Mike Menses/ Skippack  
Church of the Brethren**



**Altar Flowers:**

Flower envelopes are now available on the bulletin board in the stairwell of the church, for the months of March, April and May. If you take an envelope, kindly try to pay the \$23.00 the following week. This is to be placed in the offering plate.



The Easter Lilies and Tulip order envelopes are available in the Narthex. Pots are \$6.00. For more information please contact Joann Davis @ 215-513-6265. Orders need to be placed by April 10th.

Thank you,

The Worship Committee

***Let's Reach Out!!!!***

*April 15 and 16, the Outreach Committee, and anyone who would like to participate, plan on passing out little packages of cookies with a note attached inviting our neighbors to our Easter services. We are asking for your help. Please consider making some cookies. We need 20 dozen. For more information please contact Marge Brown, Joann Davis or Gail Friel You may leave cookie donations in the Narthex on Sunday the 10th or in the Ed. Bldg. by the 14th. Thanks in advance for you help!*

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### APRIL:

#### Easter Egg Hunt

The Youth Group will be filling eggs on Saturday, April 16 for the Easter Egg Hunt that will be held after Sunday School class on Sunday, April 17 (Palm Sunday.)

#### Vacation Bible School

The 2011 VBS Program will be held Monday, August 15 through Friday, August 19. Anyone interested in helping with this year's program can contact Diana Polec.

### **Women of Trinity Banquet**

**Friday, May 6, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.**

**The Women of Trinity will be  
"Bubbling Over With Joy"**

**Cost: 3 years old and under free  
4 years old to 11 years old \$8.00  
12 years old and above \$13.00**

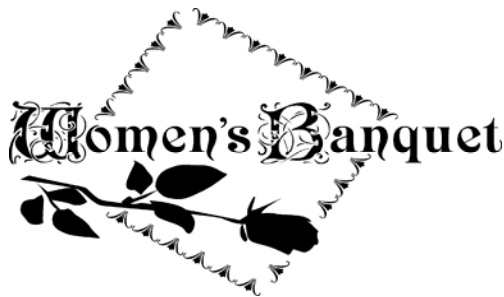
**Checks should be written to the  
Women's Guild of TCUC**

**Thank you for including your check with your reservation.  
Please give to Elaine Becker, Pat Dannerth, or Jennifer Laconis by  
Sunday, May 1, 2011**

### **SPRING NUT ROLLS from BUX- MONT LIVING**

**NOW IS THE TIME TO  
ORDER these delicious  
traditional Slavic treats are  
available just in time for Easter.  
Place your order now and pick  
up your fresh-baked nut rolls  
on April 14 or 15 for the Easter  
holiday. All proceeds from the  
sale benefit BUXMONT Living--  
the free "Good News" paper  
celebrating 20 years in publica-  
tion in 2011. Order forms are  
available on the web site:  
[www.buxmontliving.org](http://www.buxmontliving.org).  
Send them in before or call  
215-257-9569 before April 8 to  
place your order.**

**Thanks you for your support of  
BUXMONT Living**



**EZ Weight Loss Challenge 101  
12 week challenge starts Weds.  
April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7PM  
Registration is \$49 -  
Church members \$39.  
Weekly weigh-in, education,  
personal coaching  
Prize money paid to the biggest  
losers Info at:  
[www.weighlessamerica.org](http://www.weighlessamerica.org) or  
610-287-2472.**



## Read and Pray Ahead!!!

Anoint the Sunday morning services with your prayer as you prepare for Sunday. Your study and prayer will enhance the meaning of Sunday Worship for you and for your brothers and sisters in Christ.

April 3

Psalm 23      John 9:1-41

April 10

Psalm 130      John 11: 1-45

April 17      Palm Sunday

Psalm 118      Matthew 21: 1-11

April 21      Maundy Thursday

Matthew 26: 17-29

April 22      Good Friday Tenebrae

Psalm 22      John 18: 1-19:42

April 24      Easter

John 20: 1-18 or Matthew 28: 1-10

## Celebrate our Cuban Partnership

On Saturday, May 7, the Rev. Manuel Delgado will visit the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference. He is Executive Secretary of the Fraternity of Baptist Churches of Cuba. You are invited to join Rev. Delgado for brunch and conversation on Saturday morning, May 7, @ 10AM at Trinity United Church of Christ, 532 Main Street, Collegeville. The Rev. Delgado's visit is timely since relationships between the USA and Cuba are changing. Furthermore, his presence among us affords a first hand witness to the vitality of the Christian church in a country that has been isolated for so many years.

## The Value of Hands

A basketball in my hands is worth about \$19.00.

A basketball in LeBron James' hands is worth about \$15million.

A baseball in my hands is worth about \$10.00.

A baseball in the hands of Cliff Lee is worth about \$11million.

A rod in my hands will keep away a wild animal.

A rod in Moses' hands parted the mighty sea.

A sling shot in my hands is a kid's toy,

A sling shot in David's hands was a mighty weapon.

Two Fish and 5 Loaves of bread in my hands is a couple of fish sandwiches.

Two Fish and 5 loaves of Bread in God's hands fed thousands.

Nails in my hands might produce a birdhouse.

Nails in Jesus Christ's hands will produce salvation for the entire world.

**IT DEPENDS WHOSE HANDS IT'S IN!!!!**