

# MARCH TIDINGS 2009

## MESSAGE FROM PASTOR MIKE.....

**What is the reason for The Church?** I want to focus on the reason for The Church. The reason for the Church, Trinity or any church, is to aid our following of Christ through

- worship,
- study and preaching,
- service,
- and fellowship.

Each of these words has been given in Acts 2-4, Luke's Charter for The Church. Worship, study and preaching, service, and fellowship all have to do with becoming disciples of Jesus Christ, following Christ and becoming more and more the people Christ would have us be and become.

In an article entitled *Becoming God's Church: A New Congregation Finds its Place in God's Unfolding Story*, Rev. Roy Terry IV \*\* defines the Church by taking the fresh view of a pastor leading a brand new church start. Roy says this: "If the church is serious about its full and humble participation in God's story, then the church really does have something to offer! If this is all about God, and not about establishing human social clubs and institutions, then it opens the door for the serious work of inviting everyone to worship. As vessels for the work of the Lord, the practices that transcend time form the church into a community that is hospitable to all who come. If this is the focus, then worship itself becomes the invitation, and, in gathering, the church gives flesh to those gifted practices."

So back to my original question: *What is the reason for The Church?* What do you think? Check out the essential definition of the Church in Acts Chapters 2 through 4. You will find the church's charter in this account by Luke, the writer of the third gospel. These chapters of the New Testament speak about the Holy Spirit blessing us with God's gifts of the Spirit or signs of The Holy Spirit's power. Once again these signs of the Holy Spirit's power were a foursome: the proclaiming of the gospel, faithful worship with baptism and supper at its center, service to the neighbor in need, and a life together of caring and sharing. The Church's reason for existing is to act as a channel for these four signs and gifts of the Holy Spirit.

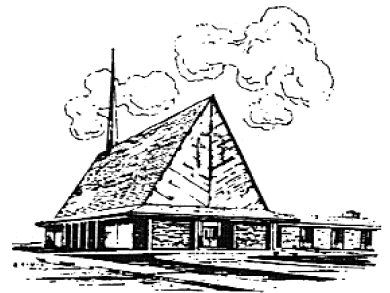
As we look forward to **ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE w/ HOLY COMMUNION** on **FEBRUARY 25** at **7:30 PM** and the season of Lent, I would ask you to meditate and pray on this single verse of Pauline scripture:

**Romans 12:2** – "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God — what is good and acceptable and perfect."

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**WEDNESDAY EVENING LENTEN STUDIES...** We will discuss The Doctrine of The Church and The Atonement of Jesus Christ: A Lenten Study of The Church and The Savior. Please join me every Wednesday at 7:30 PM beginning on March 4. See more information on page 9 of the Tidings.

**FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE ALBAN INSTITUTE:** The Alban Institute's consultant Alice Mann will be here on March 28 at 9 AM through early afternoon. She will present how the Alban Institute consultation can assist us in this interim period at Trinity United Church of Christ.

\*\* Rev. Roy Terry IV is a United Methodist pastor leading Cornerstone United Methodist Church, Naples, Florida, who has written several pieces for The Alban Institute of Washington, DC and Bethesda, Maryland.



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### APRIL TIDINGS DEADLINE

March 30

### ASSEMBLY For APRIL TIDINGS

April 15, 2009

# MARCH WORSHIP THEMES and SCRIPTURES

## **MARCH 1**

### ***First Sunday in Lent***

Genesis 9:8-17

Psalm 25:1-10

1 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:9-15

Theme: *God's Loving Paths*

## **MARCH 8**

### ***Second Sunday in Lent***

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Psalm 22:23-31

Romans 4:13-25

Mark 8:31-38 or Mark 9:2-9

Theme: *Always Close*

## **MARCH 15**

### ***Third Sunday in Lent***

Exodus 20:1-17

Psalm 19

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

John 2:13-22

Theme: *Beautiful Law*

## **MARCH 22**

### ***Fourth Sunday in Lent***

Numbers 21:4-9

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Ephesians 2:1-10

John 3:14-21

Theme: *No Matter What*

## **MARCH 29**

### ***Fifth Sunday in Lent***

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm 51:1-12 or Psalm 119:9-16

Hebrews 5:5-10

John 12:20-33

Theme: *Deep In Our Hearts*

March 2009						
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# MARCH DATEBOOK Of SPECIAL DATES TO REMEMBER

- First Sunday in Lent, March 1, 2009
- World Day of Prayer, March 6, 2009
- Second Sunday in Lent, March 8, 2009
- Daylight-Saving Time begins, March 8, 2009
  - Girl Scout Sunday, March 8, 2009
- Third Sunday in Lent, March 15, 2009
  - First Day of Spring, March 20, 2009
- Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 22, 2009
  - Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 29, 2009

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Leon & Sheila Fry	3/2
George & Barbara McLaughlin	3/2
John & Carol Salick	3/18
Sam & Kay Brightbill	3/23
Ken & Daisy Groy	3/27
Franklin & Lucille Shearer	3/28
Wes & Wendi Rittenhouse	3/30



James Rothermel	3/2	Matthew Long	3/3
Kathy Darkes	3/2	Jeffrey Brownsweiger	3/5
Joan Clark	3/5	Emily Musser	3/5
Allen Yohn	3/5	Joan Boyd	3/7
Elaine Cassel	3/7	Myrl Kreiser	3/7
Kristi Levkulich	3/9	Kendra Ferguson	3/10
Cory Shifflet	3/10	Clement Bicksler	3/11
Samuel Miller	3/14	Nancy Curry	3/16
Vicki Nice	3/18	Nora Palmer	3/18
Edward Shiffer	3/18	Ryan Sutherland	3/19
Kyle Blauch	3/19	Sharon Mosier	3/19
Rodney Zellers	3/19	David Rodney	3/20
Robert Hermanson	3/21	Jane Grumbine	3/22
Barbara Shank	3/22	Rayan van Muylywyk	3/24
Nathan Houser	3/25	Joann Teahl	3/25
Samantha Haak	3/27	Larry Bickel	3/28
Melvyn Bowman	3/28	Nancy Firestone	3/28

# KIDS PAGE



## A FAMILY OF PRAYER

The book of Acts tells about a man named Cornelius. He was a Roman centurion from Caesarea who worshiped God. Through his encounter with Cornelius, Peter learned that God accepts everyone who fears him and does what is right.

Use the code below to see the example set by Cornelius and his family. Solve the math problems by using the grid. Then use the key to find the letter that matches each answer. Write the letter on the blank.

GRID	
A	B
2	4
C	D
6	5

KEY: a=7 e=8 i=10 o=9 u=11 y=6

"H e \_\_\_nd \_\_\_ll h\_\_\_s f\_\_\_m\_\_\_l\_\_\_  
 A+C A+D A+D B+C A+D B+C A+B

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 A+C A+C A+C B+D C+D A+D

G\_\_\_d-f\_\_\_r\_\_\_ng; h\_\_\_ g\_\_\_v\_\_\_  
 B+D A+C A+D B+C A+C A+D A+C

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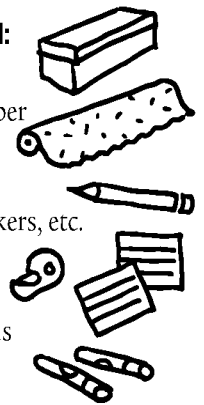
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## PRAYER BOX

Family prayer time is a good habit. Make it fun with this activity for all family members. They can use this special box whenever they have a prayer request.

### What you need:

- Shoebox
- Wrapping paper
- Scissors
- Tape
- Stickers, markers, etc. (optional)
- Index cards
- Pencils or pens



### What you do:

1. Wrap the shoebox like a present. Be sure to wrap the lid separately so it can be removed.
2. Let the whole family help decorate the box. You can write Bible verses about prayer, draw pictures, glue on pictures or add stickers. Be creative!
3. Put the box in a prominent location of your house. Keep a pile of index cards and pencils or pens near the box.
4. Whenever a family member has a prayer request, he or she can write or draw it on a card and put it inside the box.
5. Family members can share the cards in a prayer circle, or people can take turns praying for all the requests. Throughout the week, family members can check the box for new prayer needs.

Answers: "He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly." Acts 10:2, NIV

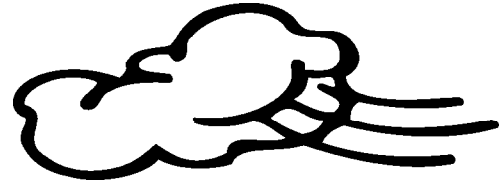
# Trinity Tidings for March

## 2009 CONSISTORY / COMMISSIONS

<b>Dale Pells</b>	President, Elder
<b>Burt Hunt</b>	Vice-President, Elder; Personnel; Church Administration
<b>Donna Klinger</b>	Secretary; Deacon; Church Life; Pastoral Relations
<b>Jonathan Bell</b>	Elder; Stewardship & Finance; Personnel; Pastoral Relations
<b>David Rossetti</b>	Elder; Worship & Music (Appointed Staff Assistant); Pastoral Relations
<b>Reuel Ryman</b>	Elder; Mission & Evangelism; Pastoral Relations
<b>JoAnn Teahl</b>	Elder; Mission & Evangelism
<b>Deb Dunnigan</b>	Deacon; Worship & Music; Personnel
<b>Betty Graham</b>	Deacon; Church Life
<b>Penny Gruendl</b>	Deacon; Church Administration; Personnel
<b>Sam Brightbill</b>	Deacon; Property & Maintenance
<b>Lee Gensler</b>	Deacon; Property & Maintenance

## STAFF

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**Carissa Knight** – Treasurer, Choir Director,  
Worship & Music  
**RoseMarie Gingrich** – Organist  
**Anna Yiengst** – Pianist  
**Joy MacLean** – Church Secretary  
Email: info@trinitypalmyra.org  
**David Rossetti** – Handbell Director  
**Bob Herr** – Sexton  
**Dawn Yeagley** – Website  
Email: dyeagley@trinitypalmyra.org




**PLEASE NOTE: An offering of \$12.00 per member per week is needed to support the church. Please adjust your giving to meet this goal or exceed it. THANK YOU!**

## PIZZA HUT FUNDRAISER

The first Monday of each month will be Trinity's day and evening at Pizza Hut in Palmyra (In front of Wal-Mart). Pizza Hut will donate 20% of "Trinity Sales" on that date back to the church by check. Any order on that date goes towards our fundraising total as long as you use the white slips, available at posted signs in the church and on the hallway table, when you get your pizza. This includes the pick-up window, delivery, eat-in, etc. Also, give some slips to a neighbor, grandparents, co-workers, friends etc. and we will earn even more cash for Trinity. PS They also have an All-U-Can Eat lunch buffet. Enjoy!

**WHERE:** Wal-Mart in Palmyra

**PHONE #:** 832-2200

 Pizza Hut® will donate 20% of your purchases\* on the "Fun"draiser Night to your organization! Just give them the ticket below when you pay!

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Please complete and return to a Pizza Hut® employee at the time of purchase

My Name is \_\_\_\_\_

I support the \_\_\_\_\_ Trinity UCC, Palmyra

Total Spent \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (to be filled out by Pizza Hut® employee and attached to the receipt)



**Church Life Commission** met on January 27 and planned the following upcoming events/dates for 2009:

**March 1** -- Continental Breakfast to begin Lent

**April 5** -- Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday--Will furnish a Hot Dog Lunch

**May 10** -- Refreshments – “Muffins for Mom” will be furnished to honor Mothers for Mother’s Day

**June 21** – Refreshments – “Donuts for Dad” will be furnished to honor Fathers for Father’s Day

**September 13** – Family Picnic

More information on possible bus trips:

NYC in the Spring

Philly in the Fall

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Klinger

## **WEDNESDAY LENTEN STUDY at 7:30 PM**

### **THE DOCTRINE OF THE CHURCH and the ATONEMENT OF JESUS CHRIST A Lenten Study of the Church and the Savior**

“You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.”

**March 4** You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship.  
The Balance Sheet

**March 11** You call us into your church to be your servants in the service of others.  
Waiting Table

**March 18** You call us into your church to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil.  
Love To Tell The Story

**March 25** You call us into your church to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table.  
Connect and Nourish

**April 1** You call us into your church to join him in his passion and victory.  
Sacrifice and Abundant Life

**Join Pastor Mike on this developing spiritual journey. We look forward to seeing you there!**

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## LENTEN SELF-DENIAL FOLDERS

Please be encouraged to generously support our church's mission and purpose through this year's Lenten Self-Denial Folders. Each day of Lent not including the Sundays, we will have the change to donate 25 cents, one quarter. Or if you prefer, as do I, one check for the full amount 40 x .25.

Here is a short portrait of Stewardship written by Rev. Dr. William Green of the national church stewardship council. Bill asks in this stewardship brochure: What scripture says about giving & what has been given? How much we give is determined by our sense of how much we have received. Everything scripture says about giving is in the context of what God has first given us.

Our next breath. Life itself. God's love to know joy and assurance through life and death, sickness and health. Life eternal. Salvation. Confidence that no trouble we know, not even the worst evil, can defeat the goodness God wants in and for us. Beyond speechless wonder, the only genuine response to all this is **gratitude**---a heartfelt thankfulness that makes us generous, less as a duty that as the least we can do in response to all God does for us. What has been given? The real question is what hasn't been given? All that we have and are come from God or lead to God. Nothing is outside God's provision and providence. Above all, we have been given the One who makes all this known and possible: Jesus, our Savior and Friend, who is Christ, our Lord.

## Happenings at Trinity!

**BLOOMIN' FLOWERS** will meet for breakfast on Thursday, March 19 at 9:00 AM at the Hometown Restaurant. Let's wear something green and bring a good story to tell!

### **SAVE THE DATE**

June 20, 2009 will be our next Volunteer Day for Habitat for Humanity. More information to follow.

### **WOMEN'S GUILD ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING –**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18 at 7:00 PM in the PARLOR

We want to encourage any church women to come and join us in the Trinity Women's Guild! Join us for fellowship and service as we prepare for our annual Church Bazaar, and help with Ronald McDonald House projects and other charitable works. We look forward to meeting you.

# RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE NEEDS TRINITY'S HELP!

## ➤ COLLECT ALUMINUM PULL TABS....

Help collect aluminum pull tabs to benefit the Ronald McDonald House of Hershey. Please deposit your aluminum beverage tabs in the container on the table in the hallway.

## ➤ SAVE MAGAZINES FOR RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE...

Support the Ronald McDonald House of Hershey by saving magazines and catalogues, then dropping them in the box located on the table outside of the church office. All glossy material collected will be delivered to the magazine containers at the Ronald McDonald House in Hershey.

### ○ What kind of paper is needed?

Anything that is GLOSSY! That means magazines, catalogues, and annual reports ... just as long as the pages are slick and glossy. Even the glossy store inserts from the Sunday newspapers. Please no newspapers or telephone books.

### ○ What does the Ronald McDonald House do with Magazines?

When the magazine containers are full, Brandywine Recycling in Lebanon, PA picks up the containers. They recycle the glossy paper and send a check to the Ronald McDonald House! Over **\$71,000** has been raised through this program since 2004 through the recycling of over **2,583 tons of glossy paper. Over \$30,000 in 2008!**

## NEW TELLER TEAMS

2009-2010

### TEAM A

Jonathan Bell  
Deb Dunnigan  
Betty Graham  
Penny Gruendl  
Dave Rossetti  
Lee Gensler

### TEAM B

Sam Brightbill  
Burt Hunt  
Donna Klinger  
Reuel Ryman  
Joann Teahl

## PIZZA HUT

### FUNDRAISER DOLLARS

Trinity received a check for \$ 68.60 in February from the Pizza Hut coupons!

Thanks to all who support this project and enjoy a lunch or dinner out in the process!

# Trinity March Worship Helpers

DATE	BULLETIN	LECTOR	ACOLYTE	GREETER	FLOWERS	USHERS	TELLERS
3/1	Tom & Adrienne Bell	Dave Rossetti	Jenna Palmer	Ruth Bentz	George & Barbara McLaughlin-in celebration of their anniversary	Bill Berman; Craig Flory; Ernie Hicksenheiser; Tyler Hicksenheiser; Steve Long; Nathan & Ryan, & Scott Sutherland	<b>TEAM B</b> Sam Brightbill; Burt Hunt; Donna Klinger; Reuel Ryman; Joann Teahl
3/8	Charlotte Myers – In memory of loved ones	Lucille Shearer	Marvin Ryman	Roscoe & Janice Van Muylwyk	OPEN		
3/15	Del & Fern Skinner – In honor of Rittenhouse's anniversary	Devin Mosier	Nancy Curry	GIRL SCOUTS	Girl Scouts-in honor of Girl Scout Sunday and all Girl Scouts and Girl Scout Leaders		
3/22	Donna Klinger	Dale Pells	Natalie Fern	Ron & Cookie Barto	Donna Klinger-in memory of Anna Klinger		
3/29	OPEN	Sara Jane Kelly	Gavin Hermanson	Jodi Brightbill	John & Carol Salick		

A BIG THANK YOU to all Trinity members who have signed up to help in anyway.  
Trinity appreciates your sharing of your time and talents!

## Palmyra Caring Cupboard

*“To allow the hungry to remain hungry would be blasphemy against God and one’s neighbor,  
for what is nearest to God is precisely the need of one’s neighbor.*

*It is for the love of Christ, which belongs as much to the hungry as to myself, that I share my  
bread with them and that I share my dwelling with the homeless.*

*If the hungry do not attain to faith, then the guilt falls on those who refused them bread.*

*To provide the hungry with bread is to prepare the way for the coming of grace.”*

*.....Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

The Palmyra Caring Cupboard serves local needy families in our Palmyra area and everyone can get involved in some way!

- **VOLUNTEER** – Do you have some extra time during the week or month? The Caring Cupboard is always in need of volunteers to fill orders, stuff bags, load shelves.
- **GROCERY SHOP** – Can’t volunteer but could grocery shop? The Caring Cupboard always has lists of weekly grocery specials you could donate to the food cupboard to keep the shelves stocked. Check the bulletin board outside the office for Weekly Specials that you can buy at local grocery stores and help keep the cupboard filled!

Here at Trinity, a “Food Barrel” is located right outside the Church Office door. When you go to the food store, all it takes is for each of us to get one extra item and bring it to church. The barrel would be full in no time at all.

Let’s fill up that barrel and begin *“preparing the way for the coming of grace.”*

### Caring Cupboard Drop-Off Hours

MONDAY	9:00 – 11:00 AM	and	3:00 – 7:00 PM
WEDNESDAY	9:00 – 12:00 Noon	and	5:30 – 7:30 PM
FRIDAY	12:00 Noon – 2:00 PM		



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