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Dear Central Trinity Family,

If you're like me and ready at this point for winter to fade away into spring, hang on just a little longer and you will get your wish. Of course that also means Easter will soon be upon us, and Easter is a great time of year for the Christian. A person being raised from the dead isn't something we see every day. But we know that nearly 2,000 years ago, there was a man who was raised from the dead by the power of God. And his name is Jesus.

Yet while Easter is an exciting time for the Christian, it also involves a very solemn remembrance. The price that Jesus paid for our sins so that we could experience the freedom of a life lived with God was very, very high. We don't like to think about the beatings and the blood, but they were real, and they were taken freely for us. It's so easy to skip to the empty tomb, and the risen Christ, but only the path through the cross leads to the tomb.

So in this season leading to Easter that we know in the church world as Lent, I want to challenge us all over the next few weeks to do a little reflecting. Reflect on what it means to you to be a Christian. And reflect on what Jesus did for you, so that you could become one. The more we realize the incredible price he paid, the more we will appreciate the life we have in Christ. And hopefully the more we appreciate the life we have in Christ, the more willing we will be to answer the calls to service that he places before us, so that his death and resurrection might not only mean life to us, but to many others whose paths we cross on our journeys in this world.

I would also like to share with you plans for a short message series over the first three weeks of March around a topic you don't hear as much about in our modern world but which I think will interest and challenge you -- Spiritual Warfare. Over these three Sundays we'll take a look at what the Bible describes as spiritual warfare and how to effectively use the "Armor of God" to maximize our joy, peace and fulfillment in life, and live a victorious life in Christ.

Please join me this Lenten season as we journey to the cross of Jesus.

See you at the cross,

Pastor Steve



Central Trinity
United Methodist Church

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In Ministry with you ...

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Sunday Schedule

9:00 a.m. *Ignite Service*

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

Childcare provided each Sunday

8:50 to 11:30 a.m.

Handicapped parking available at
North entrance of parking lot

Office Hours

Mon. – Thu. 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Closed Noon – 1 p.m.

Fri. 9 a.m. - Noon

Many Thanks

A heartfelt thank you to Janice Deal, Diane Jones, Marcie Hunter, Sandra Robe, Kay Stubbins & Sue Wright for helping the office this past month.

Office Staff

Sharing Our Christian Hope and Sympathy With

The family & friends of Dorothy Brandfass who passed February 9, which includes Dorothy's sister-in-law Sandy & Clarence Holbein & brother-in-law Mack Smith of Central Trinity.

Messiah Broadcast Community Response

Because of the pandemic the annual Civic Chorus concert of Handel's *Messiah* could not be presented. Instead last years concert from our church sanctuary was shown on WHIZ television on both Christmas Day and New Year's Day. We ran a trailer on the screen during the presentation asking the community to make a donation in the spirit of the concert to the Southeastern Chapter of Habitat for Humanity in response to the concert. I am happy to report a total of \$1,950 was donated to their housing project on Mead Street. Many thanks to Carmen Baker for operation of the camera and sending the video to WHIZ. Pastor Jon Carter tells me that with the technology improvements at CT, we will be able to provide an online showing of our hopeful "live" production this year!

Jim McLaughlin

"80 Plus Club" Happy Birthday

Pat Liddle, March 6

(no address)

Alma Dilley, March 22

4267 Stratford Circle West

Carmen Horn, March 28

5275 Harlan Rd.

Roseville OH 43777

If we missed anyone or do not have the date right, please call the church office.

Average February worship

attendance (in-person only)

(through 2/21): 78

Jan. 2021 Financial Report

YTD Budget \$36,900

YTD Income \$29,527

YTD Expenses \$32,760

United Methodist Women

Since 1972, **Jackson Area Ministries Gardening Project** has distributed vegetable seeds to persons and families. This ministry enables the growers to increase both the quantity and quality of their available food. The number of gardeners continues to increase in the 18-county area we serve in southeast Ohio.

In addition to seed potatoes and tomato plants, they collect and distribute beans (pole and bush), beets, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, corn, cucumbers, lettuce, pumpkins, radishes, spinach, squash, turnips, watermelon—just about anything that is hardy in zone 6.

In 2020, the Gardening Project received donations from individuals and groups from 14 states; distributed 23,904 tomato plants and 30,000 pounds of seed potatoes and 15,000 baking potatoes; and gave 2175 families in 19 southeastern Ohio counties seeds, tomato plants, and/or seed potatoes and baking potatoes.

During March and early April, the United Methodist Women is collecting vegetable seeds to support the Gardening Project. Please place seed packages in the container in the Welcome Center; last day for collection is Sunday, April 11.

Angel Wings Prayer Shawl Ministry continues to work from home. For those who knit or crochet, please continue as you are able to stitch prayer shawls and baby blankets. Please continue to pray for the group and for past and future recipients of shawls or blankets.

Family Life Ministries

Camp registration is OPEN! Camp Otterbein will be open and ready for faith-building adventure this summer! You can register and see their Covid-19 protocols at westohiocamps.org. More information will be available at the church soon.

Thank you for your generous support of our **Noisy Coin** camp scholarship fundraiser. Because of your gifts and the generosity of the United Methodist Women, we will be able to provide reimbursement scholarships to all Central Trinity children and teens who want to attend church camp this summer. Parents and grandparents can give a copy of their children's completed camp registration forms to Kifin or the church office to receive reimbursement.

Mother's Day is May 9th, and we have plans for a special celebration this year! We want to honor the mothers in your life by featuring them in a slideshow presentation during the Sunday services. All you need to do is send a digital picture of your mom to Pastor Jon at jc.worship@outlook.com. *All pictures will need to be received by April 28* to allow time for creating the presentation. We look forward to celebrating the women who have created a legacy of faith for our church family.

The **Greeter Team** who welcomes the congregation and opens the church door each Sunday have been very faithful helping with providing a "touchless" entrance. This team has been a special blessing to our in-person worship during the pandemic. If there are others who would feel comfortable joining the team, please let Jim McLaughlin, coordinator, know of your interest. 740.452.3241. j.l.mclaughlin@att.net

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Special Dates This Month

- March 2, Staff-Parish Relations Committee**
- March 7, Holy Communion**
- March 16, Re-Opening Task Force**
- March 17, Stewardship & Finance (Zoom) Administrative Council (Zoom)**
- March 19, ConnecT Deadline Flower order deadline**
- March 22, Signature Ministry (Zoom)**
- March 28, Palm Sunday**
- March 31, Trustees**

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March Worship

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| March 7 | Holy Communion |
| Message: | "Liberating the Oppressed" |
| Scripture: | Colossians 1:1-14 |
| Music: | Ann & Alivia Sims |
| March 14 | |
| Message: | "Defeating the Enemy: Pick Up Your Armor" |
| Scripture: | Ephesians 6:10-20 |
| Music: | Tressa Brannon |
| March 21 | |
| Message: | "Defeating the Enemy: Pick Up Your Armor"
Pt. 2 |
| Scripture: | Ephesians 6:10-20 |
| Music: | Jennifer Shields |
| March 28 | |
| Message: | "We're on a Mission" |
| Scripture: | Mark 11:1-10 |
| Music: | Beth Hurst |

