

Holy Week Services

April 2 | Palm Sunday | 10am

Easter Egg Hunt following Worship Service

April 6 | Maundy Thursday | 6:30pm

Multipurpose Room

April 7 | Good Friday Service | 7pm

Sanctuary

April 9 | Easter Sunrise | 6am

Clustered Spires Cemetery

Easter Service | 10am

Sanctuary

My favorite season is the fall- I don't look forward to the hot weather of spring and summer, but coming out of even a mild winter, like this one has been, still always seems magical. Springtime is a little resurrection in the world every year. Seeing trees flowering alongside highways and daffodils in bloom everywhere is a powerful statement on starting over. Having a baby in the spring, especially a few months after my grandfather passed and after such a long and fraught time of infertility and loss, seems a beautiful way to start over as well.

But spring, new babies, even resurrection- these are not undo buttons: if a tree falls in the winter, it doesn't pop back up when it is time to bloom. Mary Magdalene, when she saw Jesus and realized he was alive, was ecstatic, but even that joy did not undo the trauma she had at witnessing his horrible death. When Jesus appeared to Thomas, he showed him that the wounds were still there--- yes, he was alive, but he was still marked by his experience on the cross. Deaths like literal deaths or more figurative kinds of loss shape us, change us, and that transformation doesn't just go away after resurrection. We are so excited for our new baby, but that does not make me miss Autumn any less. We still have not set up the nursery! Resurrection is not about going back to life the way it was before the worst happened.

Instead, resurrection is the opportunity for a radical new life after the worst. Like when a person gets a divorce and mourns the change in life and loss of relationship but is also now able to live a fuller life out of what may have been a controlling or toxic marriage. That person is marked by that relationship but still able to build something new going forward. God is present in that building of something new. Or think about a person in recovery for addiction. Addiction has permanently changed their brain, but recovery is about a radical new life, a healthier one than the one they had even before struggling with addiction. Resurrection life can happen now, if we make a choice to listen for Jesus' voice calling for us even when we feel stuck in places of death.

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On April 9, we will celebrate Easter on one big blowout day with flowers and the choir and the brass and Alleluias, but Easter is really a season in the church year, a fifty day long season. As such, it is a good time to think about the resurrections all around us. The promise of resurrection is not just a promise for Jesus. It is not just a promise for us when we die.

It is a promise that, to use Frederick Buechner's famous words, "the worst thing is never the last thing." We can have resurrection in our lives here and now. This Easter season, may it be so for you and for me!

We encourage you to stay curious, open, and nimble.

We hope you will soften your assumptions and expand your perspectives. We pray that these questions will create a safe space to explore—to be drawn more deeply into the fullness of life, into the heart of God."

So think about what questions you have for God. Bring those questions to worship. Bring them to study (with scheduling, we did not try an all-church study this year, but we still have Grow Time on Sundays, and men's study and women's study during the week). Bring them with you in prayer. And don't seek answers. Seek to be honest with God. And seek to listen to the questions God is asking you.

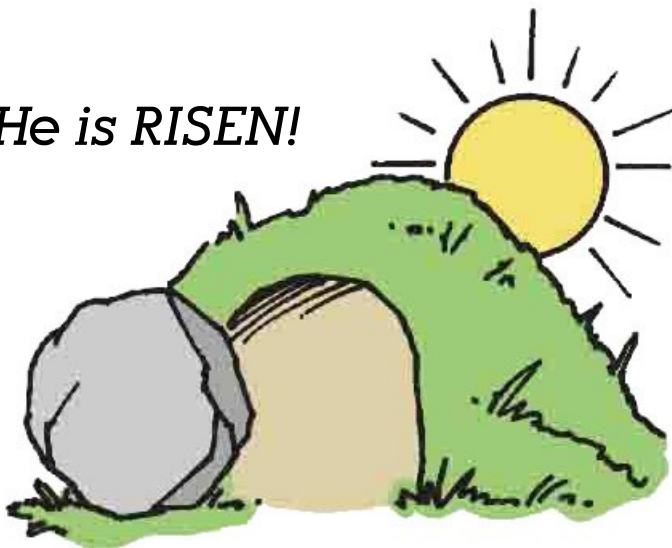
-Rev. Shannon Sullivan



Please keep Pastor Shannon and her family in prayer!

Baby Sullivan-Harrington is due April 26, and so far, so good. Pastor Shannon's doctors think it is possible for the baby to go full-term. However, they have had such a roller coaster journey, they ask your continued prayers. Should Pastor Shannon go into labor early, folks at the office will let you know, and let you know what the plan is. We are blessed to have several retired pastors in the congregation- John Morrill, Jim Spiller, Kathy Kohl, and David Coakley, and all of them have offered to help with worship. Keep them and the staff in prayer as well!

He is RISEN!



ARE YOU ABLE?

Help Trinity welcome Spring with our annual clean-up day! Please help us prepare the facility for Easter visitors

Spring Clean-Up Day

When: Saturday, April 1

(work inside and outside)

Time: 8:30 am – 1:00 pm

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Seeking: Honest Questions for Deeper Faith | *Lenten Series 2023*

Like the characters in our Lenten scriptures, we are also seeking many things: clarity, connection, wonder, justice, balance. We are seeking our calling, the sacred, and how to live as a disciple. Throughout the turbulence of the past few years, many of us are asking big questions about our lives and our faith. We

hope this series will help us unpack some of those big questions in ways that are honest and faithful. Throughout this season, we hope you will continually ask yourself: what am I seeking? What is God seeking?

-An excerpt of the synopsis from sanctifiedart.org



PALM / PASSION SUNDAY

seeking: *Where are you headed?*

Matthew 21:1-11

Imagine you are in Jerusalem when Jesus enters on a donkey. Within the chaos and commotion of that scene, where are you and which way will you go? Will you follow Jesus all the way to the cross? Jesus' willing surrender to his arrest should always catch us off-guard. As dismayed as the disciples, we ask, "Jesus, are you really headed this way, straight to your death?" Many of our weekly questions throughout the season so far have helped us prepare spiritually for Holy Week. Now we examine if our beliefs have changed our behaviors. Has your path changed? In the midst of opposing forces, which way will you go?



MAUNDY THURSDAY

seeking: *Will you wash my feet?*

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

In his final night with his friends and followers, Jesus shows the fullness of his love by removing his robe, kneeling, and washing the disciples' feet. As he makes his way around the room, Jesus comes to Simon Peter who protests, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Like Peter, we may also question if God loves us and will care for us, even at the brink of death. In these final hours of accompanying Jesus to his grave, can we seek a posture of trust? Can we allow ourselves to be embraced and loved—by our neighbor and by God?



GOOD FRIDAY

seeking: *Why have you forsaken me?*

Matthew 27:27-50

Of all the questions in our series, this one remains the most unanswerable. Jesus' final lament gives voice to all those who have been forsaken—those who suffer injustice, those who are abandoned, those who are unjustly convicted. Instead of trying to answer this question with logic or theology, we are invited to live it, to sit with it. Sitting with this unsettling question unearths and unveils many more questions: What do we do in the face of unimaginable suffering? Can we sit in the silence of death and trust that God is there? Will we be in solidarity with those who suffer and grieve?



EASTER SUNDAY

seeking: *Who are you looking for?*

John 20:1-18

Jesus, mysteriously appearing to Mary as the gardener, asks her: "Why are you weeping? Who are you looking for?" In the haze of grief, Mary can only see what is right before her—or in this case, what is not before her. It is only when Jesus calls her by name that the veil is lifted and she beholds the resurrected Christ. On this Easter morning, who—or what—are you looking for? Why have you come to the tomb? What kind of Jesus are you looking for? What veils need to be lifted so we can recognize God's resurrection wherever it occurs?



This is the month! Our baby is due April 26! We are planning for this baby to come a little earlier than that, so please keep us in prayer as we schedule a c-section and keep watch for early labor. So because the baby will be here soon, I wanted to share my maternity leave plans.

Pastor John is on-call for me during leave. He will be preaching for me, as will a few other retired clergy including Jim Spiller, David Coakley, and Kathy Kohl. We will also celebrate our high school seniors with a Youth Group-led service, and we'll have a music-themed service in there too! If you have any questions or concerns, please call Pastor John or reach out to the office.

I will be taking about 9 weeks off after the baby is born (depends on how early the baby comes!). I am grateful that The United Methodist Church in general and Trinity in particular is supportive of new parents in this way. We get 8 weeks paid leave by the Book of Discipline, and then I have vacation time- though I want to be back in time for Vacation Bible School because I love it!

Maternity leave for me will not mean no contact whatsoever, but it will mean you shouldn't expect to see me on Sundays, I won't be leading programs or officiating funerals or weddings, and I won't be answering email. Instead, Aaron, Zekie, and I will be juggling our new responsibilities and spending time with our extended families.

I will want to introduce you to the baby as soon as possible, but please remember that even though flu season is over, there are plenty of other germs flying about (thanks COVID), we want to be smart about bringing the baby out in public. There will be pictures shared to tide you over though! We will have a welcome party for the baby after worship on my first Sunday back, which I plan on being Sunday June 25.

Your prayers have been such a blessing to our family, as this whole pregnancy has been so scary given our last pregnancy. Even people who are in the hospital have shared prayers for me when I visit intending to pray for them! I am hopeful to celebrate new life with you soon!

-Rev. Shannon Sullivan

Stephen Ministry

CHRIST CARING FOR PEOPLE THROUGH PEOPLE

One to one confidential emotional care

Contact Pastor Shannon or Pastor John, or Stephen Leaders Nancy Boyd or Heather Throckmorton to learn more 301.662.2895

8 Weeks Starting May 3 Wednesdays 9:30 & 7pm

STUDY GUIDE

NOTHING TO PROVE

A STUDY IN
THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

JENNIE
ALLEN

EIGHT SESSIONS

*Please order your book from your favorite online
or brick and mortar vendor*

Women's Ministries

WHO AM I IN CHRIST?
An Evening of Boards:
Vision & Charcuterie

Plan now for Friday, June 9
@ 6:30 - 8:30pm

Watch for registration and details

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5

Growing at Trinity...

Sun. at 8:45am | Grow Time: Open Door Adult Class*

Sun. at 11:30am | Youth Grow Time

Tues. at 8:30am | Men's Bible Study – via Zoom*

Wed. at 9:30am & 7pm | Women's Bible Study*

***Want to join via zoom?**

Go to www.trinityfrederick.org, click on Studies+
then click on the corresponding zoom link.

Questions? Contact Heather Throckmorton at 301.662.2895 or heatherthrockmorton@trinityfrederick.org



Trinity UMC will be participating in our annual Mother's Day donation drive for Heartly House. Heartly House provides a safe haven, hope and healing to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse in our community. The Missions Team is asking the help of the congregation in donating gift cards (grocery stores, clothing stores, gas stations) and placing them in the collection center box on May 7th and 14th. Please, gift cards only, as Heartly House is presently unable to process in kind donations. Thank you!



FILL IT FULL OF FOOD!

The Missions Ministry Team is asking you to fill the bin marked "food bank" located in the collection center in the Narthex full of food to help feed hungry Frederick families on Sunday April 2, and 9. The collected food will be delivered to the Frederick Food Bank for distribution to hungry people in Frederick. Each week, bring food to help fill it and watch as it grows!

—STAYING— CONNECTED

GARDENING HELP NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to help keep Trinity beautiful. Can you help us? Adopting a garden or helping with one, your assistance is appreciated. Spring cleanup day is April 1, and gardens need care throughout the growing season. Planting, watering and weeding make a huge difference in the appearance of the church. Please contact Guy Berry to get involved at 301-471-9701.

Text to Give

Text-to-give is a new service by Easy Tithe (our online giving platform). For convenient giving on the go, text "GIVING" to 301-265-2895 and you will be sent a direct link to our online giving form to access right on your phone. If you have any questions, please contact Jenna at the Church office, 301-662-2895 or email tumc@trinityfrederick.org.

WEEKLY E-MAILS

Trinity sends out a weekly e-mail of upcoming events. If you are currently not receiving this fantastic email but would like to, please e-mail your preferred e-mail address to the church office at tumc@trinityfrederick.org.

UPPER ROOM UPDATE

The Upper Room is available for pickup in the black mailbox by the church office entrance. Feel free to stop by and pick up your copy! If you would like to have a mailed copy

instead, please make a \$1 donation (payable by cash, check or EasyTithe on the church website) and email tumc@trinityfrederick.org, with your request and current mailing address. You can also call the church office at 301-662-2895. Contact the church office if you have any questions.

Upcoming Church Office Closings

The office will be closed on Monday, April 10 and Friday, April 14 after Holy Week. Thank you and God bless.

MONTHLY PRAYER SERVICE

Last Thursday of every month from 6-6:30pm. Come together for individual and collective prayer, hymns and scripture. This service will be offered on the last Thursday of every month from 6-6:30pm. If you have any questions, or would like the link for the service, please email Jenna: tumc@trinityfrederick.org or visit our website at www.trinityfrederick.org. *You can post your prayer requests online or on our Facebook page prior to the prayer service!*

VBS DECORATING HELP

The idea I'm currently rolling with for Hero Hotline is basing all the decorations on a mix of pop art and classic comic book styles. I have multiple different ideas of decorations I can really use help creating whether it be painting, cutting, or gluing. If anyone is interested in helping create decorations for VBS please feel free to contact me. Please either email or give me a call, I have everything needed to create our Hero Hotline decorations. Rachel Kenny: Rach.C126@gmail.com

VBS Camp

Calling all Heroes!

June 26-30

REGISTRATION INFO

1. Register online at
www.trinityfrederick.org/childrensministry
2. Deadline June 25
3. Sign-up for morning, afternoon or all day
4. Pick-up and drop off in the Sanctuary
5. Lunch will be served for those who sign up all day (you can send a packed lunch if you choose)
6. Snacks will be served in the afternoon

SCHEDULE

- *9-12 Music/Games
- *12-2 Lunch, recess, down time
- *2-5 Hero Hotline

WHO CAN ATTEND

- *Rising K-5th Grade
- *6th grade and up volunteer opportunities available

Music Time!



Ms. Denise, a music leader at TUMC and retired FCPS music teacher, will be leading the kids in activities with songs, various music

instruments, movement, and games! The music portion is from 9am-12pm.

Sign up for the AM or all day!

?s please email dberry24@comcast.net

APRIL 22 EARTH DAY

WHAT CAN WE DO?

CELEBRATING AND PROTECTING THE PLANET
WITH EASY 4 WAYS, START WITH YOU!

REDUCE, REUSE, AND RECYCLE.

Cut down on what you throw away.

VOLUNTEER

For cleanups in your community or speak up about climate issue.

EAT LOCAL

A way to reduce carbon footprint and help the climate.

SHOP WISELY

Buying sustainable products help reduce carbon footprint.





APRIL 6 | 6:30PM

**maundy
THURSDAY**

FELLOWSHIP MEAL & COMMUNION

Soup Volunteer Information

Name: _____

Type of Soup: _____

Type of Bread: _____

Join us for a fellowship meal of soup and bread during the Maundy Thursday Service in the Multi-purpose Room on Thursday, April 6 at 6:30pm. Please let us know if you are able to bring a pot or crockpot of soup and/or bread such as loaves or rolls to the meal. If you would like to volunteer to bring soup (and/or let us know you plan on coming to the meal & service), please complete this insert, go to the website www.trinityfrederick.org or stop by the church office.

Fellowship Meal RSVP

Name: _____

of adults: _____

children (6-12): _____

children under 6: _____

TOTAL ATTENDING: _____

***Don't worry if you forget to
RSVP, please join us anyway!!***

*Please either place in offering baskets or mail
to the church office by Sunday, April 2.*

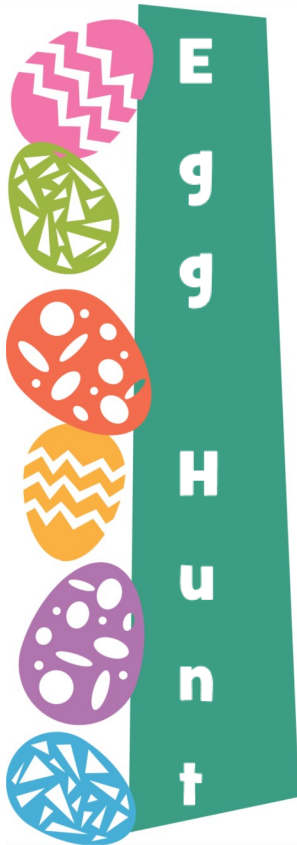


Children's Ministry Update

We will be having Children's Church on the first Sunday of each month (except April, when we will be hosting the Easter Egg Hunt after

worship on April 2). This will mean the order of worship on the first Sunday will be a bit different to give kids more time to explore the stories and still come back for communion. We welcome kids to stay in worship the whole time if families are more comfortable, but this is an option too!

The nursery is also open but unstaffed. Families are welcome to use the nursery at any time throughout the service if they need to stretch their legs, and they are welcome to borrow toys from the nursery and use them in the sanctuary during the service (the quieter ones please). On the Sundays we have two unrelated, background-checked volunteers, grown-ups may leave their kids in the nursery with the volunteers; otherwise please stay in the nursery with your child! We welcome fidgety and talkative kids (and grown-ups!) in worship, but we know sometimes families want other options as well.



**Palm
Sunday,
April 2**

Immediately
following the
10:00am service



***CALLING ALL HEROES!!
WE NEED YOU TO VOLUNTEER
FOR THIS YEAR'S VBS!***

**PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS AT VBS@TRINITYFREDERICK.ORG TO SIGN
UP FOR A HEROIC ADVENTURE OR IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS.**

WHEN:

JUNE 26TH THROUGH 30TH

TIME:

2-5PM

HELP NEEDED:

***STATION LEADERS, HERO IN TRAINING
GUIDE LEADERS AND ASSISTANTS***

<div>(MT=Ministry Team)</div> <div>April 2023</div> <div>TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</div>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div> <div>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</div> <div>8:45 am - Grow Time "Open Door"</div> <div>10:00 am - Worship Service</div> <div>11:30 am - Youth Grow Time</div> </div>						
2Palm Sunday Children's Egg Hunt 6:30pm Youth Group	3	4 8:30am Men's Bible Study	5 9:30am Women's Bible Study 6:00pm Chancel Choir 6:30pm Praise Team 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study	6 Maundy Thursday 6:30 pm Fellowship Meal & Communion	7Good Friday 7:00 pm Good Friday Service	1 8:30am Spring Cleanup Day
9Easter Sunday 6:00 am Sunrise Service NO Youth Choir	10 Church Office Closed	11 8:30am Men's Bible Study	12 6:00pm Chancel Choir 6:30pm Praise Team	13 6:30pm Stephen Ministry	14 Church Office Closed	15
16 NO Youth Choir 6:30 pm Youth Group	17	18 8:30am Men's Bible Study	19 6:00pm Chancel Choir 6:30pm Praise Team	20 7:00pm Stewardship & Finance MT	21	22
23 6:30pm Youth Group	24 11:30am JOY Club Luncheon	25 8:30am Men's Bible Study 7:00pm Trustees MT	26 6:00pm Chancel Choir 6:30pm Praise Team	27 6:00pm Prayer Service 6:30pm Stephen Ministry	28	29
30 6:30pm Youth Group	<div> <div>SUNDAY MUSIC SCHEDULE</div> <div>5:00 pm - Youth Choir</div> <div>5:00 pm - Trinity Brass</div> <div>6:30 pm - Joyful Ringers</div> <div>Handbell Choir</div> </div>					



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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Yard Sale to Benefit ASP Youth Mission Trip!

Saturday, May 20, 2023 8:00am - 1:00pm *Rain or shine!*



We're Back!! It's that time of year again! Let us help you clean out those closets!

To rent a space, please complete the form below (Note: No selling of food, drinks or guns in spaces)

Donations for the sale may be dropped off Friday, May 19 between 5:30 pm and 7:00pm

No donations of clothing or computer equipment please.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Each space will be approximately 15' X 15'. There are a limited number of tables available for rent at \$5 each.

of Spaces _____ x \$25 = \$ _____

of Tables _____ x \$ 5 = \$ _____

Total amount Due:

\$ _____

*Payment must be received
within 48 hours of us receiving
your registration to confirm
your spot*

Questions? Please contact Wendy Huff at yardsale@trinityfrederick.org

Trinity United Methodist Church, 705 West Patrick Street, Frederick, MD 21701

Please mark if you are including your payment by: ☐ CASH ☐ CHECK # _____ please memo "yard sale"