

# THE MESSENGER

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Trinity United Methodist Church, Lapeer

March 2021

## THE LOBBSTER TALE

One year.

As of the middle of March, it will be one year since we shut things down here at the church, and just about everywhere else, because of the Corona Virus Pandemic. It has been an eventful, frustrating, confusing, painful, sorrow filled year full of ups and downs.

We have experienced worship in new, and different, ways. We have made use of *YouTube* and *Facebook* like we never dreamed we would. We have celebrated holidays in new and careful ways. We have experienced closings, openings, re-closings, partial openings, and are not yet finished with the need to be careful. All of us are waiting for the pandemic to end.

COVID-19 has affected us in many ways, but has not quenched our love of Jesus or our love of Trinity Church. We can still have joy in our hearts, in the midst of all of the struggles, because of all that Jesus has accomplished for us.

During the month of March in 2021, we continue our “march” (pun intended) through the Church Season called Lent. I don’t know how many of us gave up something for Lent or added something for Lent but I hope that none of us are simply going about business as usual during this traditional time of reflection, study, prayer and worship that leads up to the celebration of THE defining event in human history - the resurrection of Jesus!

Because of the crucifixion and resurrection of our Savior, all of us have the chance to be changed! We can experience forgiveness and new life! We can experience abundant and eternal life! We can be set free from any harmful habit or sin that binds us!

May we all grow in our relationship with the Lord during this month of March.

I will see you in worship, or you will see me on a screen.

***Pastor Grant***



As we said last month, children's programs such as Godly Play and Sunday School were resuming. We started having both on February 7th. It has been so nice seeing some of you again. We hope to see more and more of you as things get more under control. Just remember that we are wearing masks, cleaning our hands, social distancing, and clean the areas after we use them. We are taking every precaution to keep everyone safe and still show the love of Christ. Hope to see you soon.

*Debbie Muldoon, Christian Education Director*



The youth are trying their best at developing their Relationship with God in a variety of ways. First and foremost, they are reading their Bibles. Leading up to Christmas, they read the book of Luke, now they are reading the book of Acts. They are also trying to stay connected with the members of the congregation by putting together little packages to deliver to members on

Sundays. They are meeting from 12-3 p.m. on Sundays to make a craft or a special treat and then they go out and deliver them. So far it has been going well. They decided as a group that it was important for all of the members, young and old, to stay connected. Just because people are staying home, it doesn't mean they are not loved and cherished as members of this church. Not everybody will be getting a package, but they hope that you know that you are missed.

This Pandemic has certainly changed how we do many of our ministries at this church. We pray that at the center of all that we do, the light of Jesus shines. We want people to know that God has challenged us to stay connected as a church. To keep doing the outreaches, the missions, and the simple tasks that God has entrusted to this church. It can be easy to say "stay home and stay safe", but that might not be what God has put in your heart. People are still in need, hurting and lost. We need to be that place where they can find safety, sympathy, even a personal touch. God has entrusted us to show His love through our actions. So I say be prayerful. Be aware. Be open to God's voice. He is in control, as long as we allow him to direct us.

Peace and love  
The Youth

### **BARLING ESTATE NEWS**

During 2020, the value of the Barling Estate investment increased and as a result monies will be available for Mission and Outreach distribution in 2021. Funds will be available for TUMC outreach, local and regional outreach, and national and international outreach. Barling Estate Request Forms are available on our website under the "Media" tab, can be picked up in the office, or found on the Welcome Table in the Lobby. Completed forms must be returned to the Church Office or the mailbox of Ron Barnard no later than Sunday, March 7, 2021.



## Lenten Services Schedule and Holy Week Schedule

**The following messages are online via YouTube and Facebook:**

March 4th @ 7:00 p.m. ~ Rev. 2:12-17 "A New Name"  
March 11th @ 7:00 p.m. ~ Rev. 2:18-26 "The Mind Reader"  
March 18th @ 7:00 p.m. ~ Rev. 3:1-6 "Wake Up!"  
March 25th @ 7:00 p.m. ~ Rev. 3:7-13 "I Have Loved You"

**The following services will be in-person or live-streamed:!**

March 28th, Palm Sunday at 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.  
April 1st, Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00 p.m.  
Rev. 3:14-21 "Are You Lukewarm?"  
April 2nd, Good Friday Service here at 1:00 p.m.  
April 4th, Easter Celebrations at 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.



## STUDENT GRANTS

Trinity is again inviting any high school senior and continuing college students to apply for a student grant for college (2 or 4 years). **Applications are due April 1st.** This one year grant amount may vary based on monies available. | Applicants may be church members or those involved in church activities.

(Note: The Student Grants Committee invites church members to donate to support this fund, so every applicant can be helped. Please consider putting a bequest in your will or trust.)

High School seniors planning on attending trade/vocational schools should also fill out an application (sections applicable) as scholarships may be available this year.

(Note: Any application received after April 1st will have their reward amount reduced.)




### CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

03/03 Clyde Allen  
 03/03 Jean Best  
 03/03 Shirley Gingell  
 03/04 Tom Rapley  
 03/05 Nancy Bade  
 03/05 Cynthia Slater  
 03/07 Steve Waun  
 03/08 Marion Filley  
 03/09 Ed Johnson  
 03/10 Sharon McRorie  
 03/11 Yvonne Joyner  
 03/12 Nancy Lagalski  
 03/14 Joe Blackmer  
 03/14 Krissy Stheiner  
 03/15 Mark Baldrige  
 03/15 Betty Jakubos  
 03/15 Jean Owen  
 03/16 Karen Baldrige  
 03/16 Tim Ruhlman  
 03/17 Suzanne Burch  
 03/17 Vera Richard  
 03/18 Floyd Rasnick  
 03/20 Craig Gormley  
 03/20 Rick Green  
 03/21 Maecyn Kress  
 03/21 Janyce Woodard  
 03/23 Declan Fennelly  
 03/23 Kelly Vangel  
 03/24 Brinleigh Muldoon  
 03/24 Adam Smith  
 03/25 Tom Wojcicki  
 03/26 Reagen Fennelly  
 03/27 Ron LaLonde  
 03/28 Don Morris  
 03/29 Marissa Miller  
 03/29 Mikaela Miller  
 03/29 Havin Wagner  
 03/30 Ande Blackmer  
 03/30 Jolane Grossbauer

### CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

03/12 Shane & Heidi King  
 03/16 Floyd & Lucy Rasnick  
 03/18 Michael & Deanne Schlusler  
 03/24 James & Lorraine Jessop



Our Deepest  
Sympathy

*We remember and pray for the following families who have recently experienced a death in their families.*

*The family of Kaden Ryan Stheiner*


*The family of Robert Allen*

*And Brian Matheny following his mother's passing.*

**UNITED METHODIST MEN**

We will be meeting on Monday, March 1st at Leo's Restaurant at 6:30 p.m. Come and enjoy food and fellowship and talk about future plans. We will continue to meet the 1st Monday of the month until further notice.

**TEXAS WINTER STORM RELIEF**



As the needs in Texas continue, so does the support from UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). Flood assessments are ongoing and cleaning kits are making their way to communities. How can you help? First off—pray! Second—monetary donations can be made to Trinity UMC with the memo line or a note instructing the church to send the money to UMCOR. Natalie will be sending one check from the church after a couple of weeks to the national office of UMCOR. 100% of your giving will go straight to help those in need in the affected areas.

# March 2021

Office Hours Monday thru Thursday 9 - 3 p.m.

Preaching Schedule: 7, 14, 21, 28 Rev. Grant R. Lobb

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 9:00a UMW Exec Meeting 10:00a Pantry Activities 4:00p Food for Families 6:30p UIM Men Dinner @ Leo's Restaurant	<b>2</b> 6:00p Trustees	<b>3</b> 9:30a Wed AM Bible Study 1:00p UMW Card Recycling 6:30p Choir/Exaltation Practice	<b>4</b> 7:00p Lenten Service (YouTube Only) 7:30p 20 Somethings	<b>5</b> 10:00a TUMC Quilters	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 8:45a & 11a Worship 10:00a Sunday School 12:00p Youth Group	<b>8</b> 10:00a Pantry Activities 4:00p Food for Families 7:00p Administrative Board	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 9:30a Wed AM Bible Study 1:00p UMW Card Recycling 6:30p Choir/Exaltation Practice	<b>11</b> 7:00p Lenten Service (YouTube Only) 7:30p 20 Somethings	<b>12</b> 10:00a TUMC Quilters	<b>13</b>
<b>14 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS</b> 8:45a & 11a Worship 10:00a Sunday School 12:00p Youth Group	<b>15</b> 10:00a Pantry Activities 4:00p Food for Families 6:00p Finance Meeting 7:00p Worship	<b>16</b> 6:00pm MOPS Mom's	<b>17</b> 9:30a Wed AM Bible Study 1:00p UMW Card Recycling 6:30p Choir/Exaltation Practice	<b>18</b> 1:00pm American Red Cross Blood Drive 7:00p Lenten Service (YouTube Only) 7:30p 20 Somethings	<b>19</b> 10:00a TUMC Quilters	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 8:45a & 11a Worship 10:00a Sunday School 12:00p Youth Group	<b>22</b> 10:00a Pantry Activities 3:00p Bequest Meeting 4:00p Food for Families	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 9:30a Wed AM Bible Study 1:00p UMW Card Recycling 6:30p Choir/Exaltation Practice	<b>25</b> 7:00p Lenten Service (YouTube Only) 7:30p 20 Somethings	<b>26</b> 10:00a TUMC Quilters	<b>27</b>
<b>28 PALM SUNDAY</b> 8:45a & 11a Worship 10:00a Sunday School 12:00p Youth Group	<b>29</b> 10:00a Pantry Activities 4:00p Food for Families	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 9:30a Wed AM Bible Study 1:00p UMW Card Recycling 6:30p Choir/Exaltation Practice			

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