



The Liturgical Season of Lent A. D. 2016

A season of repentance and regret...
A season of mystery and forgiveness...
A season of holiness and prayer...

"...and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

Matthew's Gospel, 28:20

Part II

Dear Friends... and Family,

In recent experiences, I have been reminded of the adage that "You pick your friends, but you're stuck with your family." I have a large extended family on my dad's side, and let's just say that not everyone gets along all of the time. This also reminds me of that particularly polite and, shall we say nuanced, way to close a party, "Nice to see you; come again when you can't stay so long." My family and I have always chuckled, sometimes gnashed our teeth, and sometimes wept over the foibles of family life, and these jocose phrases seem to sum up our experience: on the one hand, your family is your family... is your family; on the other, home becomes that place where we are deeply understood and accepted for who we are, and opening our homes is a stressful, if joyful, event.

God is different. In Jesus, the Creator is telling us, "You're my family, my beloved children, *and*... I'd liked to be friends. I know you for who you are; I love you; I want to help you become your best and truest self. I'm also interested in everything that makes you flourish and grow!" And when we turn away, and our love fails, God's love remains steadfast. If we will enter the silence of Sabbath rest, I believe we will hear God say-

ing, "Nice to see you; you've been gone so long. I'm hoping you'll stay for good and forever."

Can you imagine living with your extended family for eternity? Can you imagine all your different social groups coming together under one roof-tree, mingling without your supervision, and discussing everything they know about you (that's kind of what happened when Jessica and I got married)? If you're anything like me, you don't want your college friends telling your mother all the inane and irresponsible stunts you pulled when you thought the world was your oyster. As surprising as it may be, however, that is the New Creation which God is building through a renewed sending of the Son and the Spirit. And let us repeat from the last issue... "there's a wideness in God's mercy..." there's a fullness to God's grace. Yes - wide and full enough to make friends out of family and family out of friends, family out of enemies.

In the end, it is the ministry of presence that reveals a community to be the Body of Christ. When, in the name of Jesus, we put down the phones and the tablets and the laptops and the crush of productivity long enough to look into each others lives and say with the Lover of our souls "I will be with you always, even to the end of the world."

*Jonathan Bratt Carle, pastor
February 22, A.D. 2016*

✝ *Prayer List* ✝

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| Pat Lovington | Laura Hartmann |
| Lynda Park Family | Pam Santirojprapai |
| George Guntharp | Shirley Skjoldager |
| Nancy Scott | Randy Bruce |
| Frances Lloyd | Jane Waldrip |
| Gwen Stuart | Nancy Rankin |
| Carol Raiford | Fred Martin |
| Peggy Tate | Elaine Amis |
| Frances Skinner | Mary Jo Hughes |

Order Today!

Lilies & Tulips

The flowers will be ordered for placement in the Sanctuary for Easter Sunday, March 27th. The price per plant is \$10 for lilies and \$15 for the begonias.

Please place order by Sunday March 20th

Ordered by (Give name as you want it printed on bulletin.)

Phone _____

Lilies ordered _____ Total paid \$ _____ CK# _____ CASH

Begonias ordered _____ Total paid \$ _____ CK# _____ CASH

Given in **HONOR** of: (Give name as you want it printed.)

Given in **MEMORY** of: (Give name as you want it printed on bulletin)

Extending Our Congregational Care Ministry

Our Take Them a Meal ministry and the Shepherd's meals for families after a funeral/memorial service are ways Trinity members show care for each. Now we want to expand these services to include a new way to help each other: Transportation Ministry. We will offer errand-running and transportation for situations of short-term need. After a hospital stay or during illness at home, or in other kinds of emergencies, members may need prescriptions picked up, grocery shopping done, etc. For those who don't have special mobility needs, a ride to a doctor's appointment might be needed. (Since our volunteers will not have medical training, it won't be possible to provide transportation to medical appointments for those who aren't able to get into/out of cars with minimal assistance.)

Our first step is to recruit volunteers for this ministry. If you are willing to provide services of this type on an occasional basis, please contact the coordinators:

Kathy Isbell pcisbell@att.net phone 901-458-0367

Kay Jordan jordanck2@gmail.com phone 901-299-2624

After a couple of weeks to build our list of volunteers, we will be ready to provide the service. If you have a need, please call the church office (901-274-6895). The coordinators will be informed, and a volunteer will be assigned.

Thank you for considering participating in this ministry.

Lakeshore Summer Camps 2016

Lakeshore's summer camp program is filled with dynamic leadership, meaningful worships, lots of outdoor play and opportunities to build relationships that last throughout a lifetime. As Uncle Ben Neal, a former camp director, described it, "Lakeshore is not so much somewhere we go or something we do as it is something we become. The love and spirit of Lakeshore become a part of us and we become a part of it."

If you are interested in providing this wonderful experience for your child, registration forms may be obtained in the church office for children and youth ages 7-17. There is even a Mom/Dad Overnight camp for ages 5-9. For more information, go to lakeshoreuma.com or speak to Carol Miller or Pastor Jonathan.

Dear Trinity Family,

In the past, our church has provided partial scholarships to help defray the cost of attending Lakeshore Summer Camp for the children and grandchildren of our members. Registration costs run from \$198 to \$420, so you can see how families would appreciate any financial help they can get. If you would like to make a donation to this very worthy cause, please contact me for details.

Thank you,
Carol Miller
901.647.1329

Candy Needed for Easter Egg Hunt

This year's Easter Egg Hunt at Trinity Church is still in the planning stages. We are looking forward to having a "new and different" egg hunt this time around. But there is one thing that never changes, and that is the need for candy to be placed in the plastic eggs. We are asking Trinity Church family members to donate bags of individually-wrapped candy (no chocolate, please) that is small enough to place in the regular size eggs. Candy may be brought to the Children's Department or to the

Calvary Lent Lunch

A group of Trinity folks is coming together Thursdays during Lent to go to Calvary Episcopal Church, serve lunches and enjoy fellowship with a free meal thrown in. The UMW has spearheaded this effort for years. This year Wendel Stoltz 901.685.1903 is coordinating for us.

Monies raised will go into the pastor's discretionary fund. Time commitment is from 11 am - 2 pm. Free parking at St. Mary's Cathedral on Poplar with a shuttle to the church makes it easy. We are needed Thursdays 02/11-03/17 except 02/25.

UMW UPDATE:

UMW ELECTION DAY MEETING

The daytime circle will meet Tuesday, March 1st, in the conference room. If you don't know where that is, we will have someone there to show you. We will meet at 10:30 and be out of the room by 11:45.

Devotional by Snookie Mason. Lesson by Elaine Amis.

We will have lunch out--location to be decided.

Remember sunshine fund and Campbell soup labels.

Tuesday--March 1st--10:30 AM--Conference Room

UMW Evening Circle

The Evening Circle will meet on Monday, March 21st at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish to share, and a can, a box, or a dollar for the UMNC. We'd be delighted to have some visitors.

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The Lamb of God

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'"

NSRV John 1 :29-30

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7a.m.-7p.m. Voting in Fellowship Hall 8:00 a.m. Prayer & Holy Communion in Chapel 10:30 a.m. UMW in Conference Room 12 noon Care Team Meeting in Conference Room 4:30 p.m. RITI Set up	2 8:30 a.m. Faith Walking 12:00 noon Bible Study Conference room in Edu. Bld. 1:00 Storytellers in Fellowship Hall 6:45 Choir Practice 7:00 p.m. NA	3 7:00 p.m. NA	4 8:30 a.m. Faith Walking 7:00 p.m. NA	5 7:00 p.m. NA
6 9:15 a.m. Congregation Breakfast in Fellowship Hall 10:55 Worship Service 3:00 p.m. Cub Scouts	7 TriNotes Deadline 8:30 a.m. Faith Walking 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:00 Trustees Meeting in Conference Room	8 8:00 a.m. Prayer & Holy Communion in Chapel 4:30 p.m. RITI Set up	9 TriNotes Mailed Out 8:30 a.m. Faith Walking 12:00 noon Bible Study Conference room in Edu. Bld. 6:45 Choir Practice 7:00 p.m. NA	10 7:00 p.m. NA	11 8:30 a.m. Faith Walking 7:00 p.m. NA	12 7:00 p.m. NA
13 Daylights Saving Time 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:55 Worship Service 3:00 p.m. Cub Scouts	14 8:30 a.m. Faith Walking 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. SPPRC in Conference Room	15 8:00 a.m. Prayer & Holy Communion in Chapel 10:30 a.m. UMW in Fellowship Hall 12 noon Care Team Meeting in Conference Room 4:30 p.m. RITI Set up	16 8:30 a.m. Faith Walking 12:00 noon Bible Study Conference room in Edu. Bld. 6:45 Choir Practice 7:00 p.m. NA	17 St. Patrick's Day 7:00 p.m. NA	18 8:30 a.m. Faith Walking 7:00 p.m. NA	19 9-5 District Pinewood Derby Race in Fellowship Hall 7:00 p.m. NA
20 Palm Sunday 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:55 Worship Service 2:30 p.m. Lent Cantata 3:00 p.m. Cub Scouts	21 TriNotes Deadline 8:30 a.m. Faith Walking 9:00 Highland Heights Luncheon 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts 6:30 p.m. Evening Circle in Fellowship Hall	22 8:00 a.m. Prayer & Holy Communion in Chapel 4:30 p.m. RITI Set up	23 TriNotes Mailed Out 8:30 a.m. Faith Walking 12:00 noon Bible Study Conference room in Edu. Bld. 6:45 Choir Practice 7:00 p.m. NA	24 Maundy Thursday 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service & Holy Communion 7:00 p.m. NA	25 Good Friday 8:30 a.m. Faith Walking 12 noon Good Friday Service 7:00 p.m. NA	26 Holy Saturday Easter Eve 7:00 p.m. NA
27 Easter Sunday Easter Sunrise Service at Levitt Shell (more TBA) 9:15-10:15 Easter Egg Hunt Edu. Bld. reception to follow in Fellowship Hall 10:55 Worship Service	28 8:30 a.m. Faith Walking 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. Church Councils in Fellowship Hall	29 8:00 a.m. Prayer & Holy Communion in Chapel 4:30 p.m. RITI Set up	30 8:30 a.m. Faith Walking 12:00 noon Bible Study Conference room in Edu. Bld. 6:45 Choir Practice 7:00 p.m. NA	31 7:00 p.m. NA		