

<p><u>IN THE LORD'S SERVICE</u> <u>Acolyte(s):</u> Jakob Lackey <u>Cross Bearer:</u> David Setzer <u>Elder(s):</u> Greg Reitzel & Ted Setzer <u>Nursery Attendant:</u> Sonya Starnes <u>Treasurer Assistant today:</u> Jessica Spain</p>	<p><u>REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK:</u> <u>Liturgist:</u> Stephanie Anderson <u>Lay Reader:</u> Brenda Adams <u>Treasurer Assistant:</u> Dawn Kilby <u>Flower Calendar:</u> Jennifer Lingle</p>
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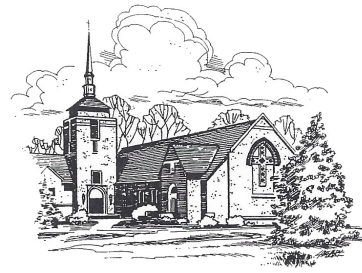


Coming Soon ...

- [Youth Hunger Scavenger Hunt](#)—Sunday, April 7
- [Kids' Easter Egg Hunt](#)—Saturday, April 13
- [Easter Sunday Services](#)—Sunday, April 21
 6:30am—Community Sunrise Service
 7:30am—Community Breakfast
 10:30am—Easter Cantata
“Once and For All”

THE WORSHIP MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH
 All Church Members, Ministers
 Rev. Peggy Stout, Pastor
 Rev. Jaha Seechang, Lahu Worship Leader
 Martha Caldwell, Director of Adult Traditional Choirs
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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 24, 2019 - 10:30AM

**Designates “Those who are able please stand”*

COMING BEFORE GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Peggy Stout

PRELUDE Marty Light, Organist

***PASTOR’S DECLARATION** Rev. Peggy Stout

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”* # 377 Blue Book

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION** *(responsively)* Marty Wilson, Liturgist
 O God, in creation you fashion us in your image; in Christ you reveal to us your love, and through the Holy Spirit you welcome us into the fellowship of believers.

Come unto us at this time and in this place, O Lord, that your image in us might be revealed, your love for us returned, and our fellowship in Christ renewed. Amen.

***CHORAL INTROIT** Chancel Choir—Martha Caldwell, Director

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER** *(responsively)* Marty Wilson, Liturgist

Holy and Merciful God, by your grace you call us to repent, to be crucified with you, that we might be new creations. But we confess that often we do not live as your renewed people. We try to hide from you the wrong we have done or the good we have neglected.

Have mercy on us, O God.

You know our transgressions. You have observed our pretensions. We have too lightly claimed the label “Christian”.

Have mercy on us, O God.

We have often gone our own way rather than seeking your guidance and help.

Have mercy on us, O God.

You have made us your children, members of your kingdom. Help us to show evidence of that every day as we work to bring your justice, goodness, love, and hope to all we meet.

We ask all these things in the name of Christ, who taught us to pray: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*PRAISE RESPONSE “Morning Has Broken” #5 Blue Book
*Morning has broken Like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken Like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing Fresh from the Word!*

LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*Unison*) Suzanne Finlayson, Lay Reader
Holy God, may your Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path—through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 55:1-9* Suzanne Finlayson, Lay Reader
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM “Amazing Grace” arr by Donald Moore/Chancel Choir

*GOSPEL READING *Luke 13:1-9* Rev. Peggy Stout
The Gospel of the Risen Christ.
All praise to you, Christ our Lord!

MESSAGE Rev. Peggy Stout

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

ORGAN MEDITATION Marty Light

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Peggy Stout

TODAY: Our Kidz Club will meet immediately following Worship. We will have Lunch, Bible Story, Craft, Game, and Cookie Decorating!! *All kids are welcome to join us—(ages 3 year through 5th Grade)!*

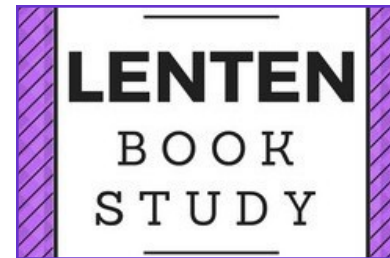


TONIGHT: We will have Faith Alive! Worship at 5:00pm!

Volunteers are needed to help at [ECCCM](#) tomorrow, March 25th. Time varies from 8am-5pm. If you can help for an hour or two, please go to ECCCM and let them know that you are from Trinity Reformed UCC.

Singles:

Our next meeting will be held tomorrow, **March 25th** at 6:00pm. We will be heading to Maguire’s Pub in downtown Hickory for dinner and trivia night!
Please bring money for van gas and dinner.



THIS Wednesday, March 27—11:30am. Rev. Peggy will be leading a study on the Adam Hamilton book, “Simon Peter: Flawed But Faithful Disciple.”

*(Please bring a sandwich).
Books are available for purchase—\$12/each.*

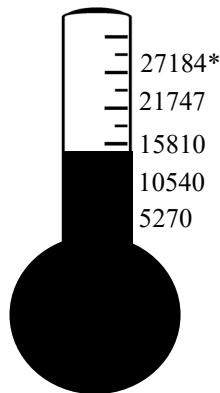
Next Sunday:

Spring Congregational Meeting—immediately following Worship. *New directories will be available for pick-up.*

Family Game Night & “Fab App” Dinner!
Sunday, March 31—5:00pm.

Please bring your favorite appetizer to share with the group! (Examples include: meatballs, sausages, chips/salsa, dips, sandwiches, etc). We will have a competition for the “Best Fab App” of the evening!

If you would be interested in participating in the competition, please sign-up at the back of the Sanctuary or contact Tamara in the Church Office!



<u>ATTENDANCE FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH</u>							
	Lahu	10:30am	5:00pm	Total	SS	Envelope Giving	
March 03	0	140	—	140	52	\$ 6,429.54	
March 10	16	161	14	191	42	\$3,455.00	
March 17	12	119	31	162	38	\$ 4,749.00	
March 24							
March 31							
TOTALS	28	420	45	493	132	\$ 14,633.54	

Goal for a four week month is \$21,747 and for a five week month is \$27,184*.

This Week

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

Third Sunday of Lent/Ministry of Intercessory Prayer

9:15am—S.S. Assembly
 9:30am—Sunday School (all ages)
 10:30am—Traditional & Lahu Worship
 11:45am—Kidz Club Meeting
 5:00pm—“Faith Alive!” Worship

MONDAY, MARCH 25

8:00am—Volunteers to ECCCM
 6:00pm—Singles Meeting

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

11:30am—Lenten Book Study
 7:00pm—Choir Practice

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

9:00am—Prayer Shawl Ministry Mtg.

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

Fourth Sunday of Lent/One Great Hour of Sharing Offering Received

**Deadline for Easter Lily Orders*

9:15am—S.S. Assembly
 9:30am—Sunday School (all ages)
 10:30am—Traditional & Lahu Worship
 11:45am—Congregational Meeting
 5:00pm—“FAB APP” Dinner
 6:00pm—Family Game Night



On Sunday, March 31, we will receive our **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING** offering during Traditional Worship. One Great Hour is a Christian effort to empower, provide water, supply food, and give relief from disasters. *Every little bit helps!! Thank you for your donations!*

*HYMN

“This Is My Father’s World”

#6 Blue Book

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Invitation

Rev. Peggy Stout

Ministry of Intercessory Prayer

Offertory

*Doxology “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him all creatures here below;

Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Offertory Prayer

*HYMN

“He Keeps Me Singing”

587 Blue Book

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Peggy Stout

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Chancel Choir

*CHIMES

*POSTLUDE

Marty Light



THE FLOWERS on the altar today are given to the Glory of God by Larry O. Fox in Loving Memory of his wife, Martha Whitener Fox—and in Honor of Martha’s birthday.



OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 55:1-9*

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³ Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵ See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. ⁶ Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; ⁷ let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

***GOSPEL READING** *Luke 13:1-9*

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²He asked them, ‘Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.’ ⁶ Then he told this parable: ‘A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, “See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?” ⁸He replied, “Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.”’

The Gospel of the Risen Christ.
All praise to you, Christ our Lord!

Congregational CARE NOTES today! There are notebooks provided at the end of each pew. Please take a moment to write a note of care, thought, or appreciation to someone on the church prayer list. *Please write their name on the top of the paper.* We will take the notes up after the service and mail them directly to the person’s home.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER & with your cards, calls, visits

RECUPERATING AT HOME

- Peggy Wright
- RJ York
- Mary Crump
- Don Patrick
- Martha Null
- Mary Schell
- Sarah Hoffman
- Garland & Darlene Whittaker

HOMEBOUND

- Peggy Miller
- Odessa Whitmire
- Paul & Lula Towery
- Mary Tuttle
- Martha Sigmon
- Bobbie Whisenant
- Wanda Sue Ammerman

IN ASSISTED-LIVING FACILITIES

ABERNETHY LAURELS

- Joan Williamson—Room 240
- Peggy Hollis

ALSO PLEASE REMEMBER:

- Bill Whitmire
- Lawrence Warf
- Mike Kilby
- Jackie Kanipe
- Wally Davis
- Virginia Brown
- Alexander Wellmon—Betty Curlee’s great-grandson
- Emilia Lucisano—Carole Cross’ cousin
- Doug Martin—Wanda Yancheski’s brother

The Cooper family would like to **THANK** our church for all the prayers and well wishes for our brother/uncle, Calvin Cooper! Calvin had heart valve surgery on March 1st and, other than minor complications at first, he is now home and doing very well. The heart valve was able to be repaired in lieu of replacement. Prognosis is very good and cardiac doctors say his heart looks like a 30 year old! Please continue to pray for strength and healing... - Thank you so much! Lori Jenkins