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THE TRINITY MESSENGER

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF OWOSSO

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Next Deadline

April 16th

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Bible Study 10:15
Worship Service 11:30

Hearing Assist units are available at each service, please see any usher. Recorded services are on <https://www.facebook.com/TrinityUMCOWosso> go to Posts and scroll down.

Happy Easter!

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! The light that came to earth in the form of a baby and was laid down in an animal feeding trough to sleep is shining brightly. O, it may not have seemed as if the light was still shining on that Thursday night, when Jesus celebrated the Passover with his disciples washing their feet, breaking bread and passing the cup, then going out into the garden where he was arrested. It must have seemed pretty dark as the disciples watched the soldiers marched Jesus off to his trial. It must have, because the disciples scattered and Peter denied even knowing Jesus! Then came Friday...as Jesus, the light of the world was put on trial. Standing in front of Pilate, sentenced to beating and death. Where is the light. Then after having a crown of thorns shoved on his head and being forced to carry his own instrument of death through the streets of Jerusalem, the light seemed to be dimming. As Jesus was nailed to the cross, as he forgave, as he cried out to God, as he asked for a drink, as he took his final breath, darkness seemed to have overcome the light.

As Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea, wrapped him in the customary spices and linen cloths, laid him in a new tomb and a stone was rolled in front of the opening, No one was going in, no one was coming out. It seemed darkness had won.

Yet darkness cannot overcome the light because God is light and God is much more powerful than darkness! On the first day of the week, when the women went to the tomb to finish anointing Jesus for burial, they saw that the opening of the tomb was open...the stone had been rolled away! Jesus body was gone! Did someone steal his body? The women told the disciples and the disciples came and found that indeed Jesus' body was gone. Grief became overwhelming for Jesus' disciples. They had not yet remembered what Jesus had told them, that he would die and three days latter would rise again. They did not remember that darkness cannot overcome the light!

The light was shining from the empty tomb. It was shining from the cross. It was shining as the curtain in the Temple separating the Holy of Holies was ripped in two. As the disciples huddled in a secluded space, the Light stood among them. Jesus is alive!

Yes indeed, Jesus is alive. The light of the world has pierced through the darkness, proving that darkness cannot prevail! The Gospel of John begins with light, ***"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world....And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth"*** (John 1:1-9; 14).

Grace and truth are seen in the light. And that light, that grace, that truth lives in us. Jesus is alive and walks with us every moment of every day, shedding his light on us. Light any darkness that tries to extinguish it will be pierced! Light that helps us see the truth and offer grace. The truth that Jesus is who he said he is and we have experienced it and share it! We have been given the light of Christ...it shines in and thru and around us...so that we may be the bearers of the light to those who are lost in the dark!

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! May the Light of Christ guide you as you shine your light on truth and grace! Let your Light Shine so all will know that Jesus Christ is alive and with us always!

May your Easter be filled with light, grace, love, peace, and celebration for the Risen Lord!

Shalom,
Pastor Mona



UMW members putting together Easter gifts

UMW News

Looking out today to see snow, but spring has arrived with the robins in my yard! They are the early birds for worms. So pretty with their strutting and poking for worms.

Easter arrived for our HOME BOUND with the day the UMW ladies filled 13 boxes of goodies and a card with a CHOCOLATE CROSS AND EASTER GREETINGS. Then the joy of seeing each with delightful conversation and prayer. Those assisting with the work and delivery were Peggy and Nellie, Al and Kaye, Carol And Margaret. Joy was found for the day.

The UMW had a meeting to discuss missions and future events planned. Peggy has joined to be our Secretary and Carol doing the current money each meeting. The ladies have assisted in building up the Treasury with their loving gifts. The ladies all joined for the merging at my house. Such a pleasure to be together! Barbara was so excited to be with the group following the Women's Bible Study.

May spring touch each of us with wisdom, joy, and peace as Our LOVING LORD touches each in special ways.

The month of April will be the BIRTHDAY OUTING as many birthdays are happening. I will advise further and give notice of the time. Keep April 9th open for the gathering. We thank our Lord for all his deliverance and presence with us. We praise HIS NAME!!!!!!

Cultivate enthusiasm, for it brings new life into old tasks and humor and joy into dull situations.

God. Bless. Trinity!!!!!!

Margaret D.

April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 UMM 8:00am
		Women's Bible Study at Margaret's 10:00am				
	7	8	9	10	11	12
Communion		Women's Bible Study at Margaret's 10:00am				Trinity Craft-April 10:00am-6:00pm
		UMW Luncheon				
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Noisy Coin		Women's Bible Study at Margaret's 10:00am				
		Newsletter Articles Due				
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Pastor Mona on Vacation and Conference until June 9	Women's Bible Study at Margaret's 10:00am		Leadership Team Meeting 6:15pm		
28	29	30				
Coffee Hour		Women's Bible Study at Margaret's 10:00am				

Serving Our Military

- Kimberly Swenor (Granddaughter of Bobbie Bennett)
- We do not have any other addresses at this time. If you know of one, please let the church office know.



May God's love and protection surround our loved ones serving in our Military.

Please Pray for our Sick or Homebound:

Allison Anderson, Shirley Badgero,
Ed & Alice Braid, Buryl Burgess,
Vivian Breining, Dorothy Davis-Drurey,
Jim & Joyce Floate, Diann Gibbons,
June Helvie, Marion Louch,

Take a treat... Send a card... Make a Call... Plan a visit

Lois LeCureux, Waneta Malkaski,
Dawn Marsh, Leo Nickels,
Barbara Parcher, & Mary Spencer.



Our Church Family:

Information for this page is provided by you!

Please contact the office if you know any members who need to be included here.

Please contact Pastor Mona if someone you know is hospitalized so that she can make a pastoral call or visit.

We have no way of knowing unless we are specifically notified.

Church Office Hours

The Trinity UMC office hours have changed. These are the times when Janet Keesler is in the church office, minus days with doctor's appointments, etc.

Monday-Thursday 11:00am-4:00pm

You can call the church office at 989-723-2664. If no answer on the phone, please leave a message.

Pastor Mona is usually in the Trinity UMC office on Tuesdays and sometimes Thursday afternoons. The times may vary. If you need to get ahold of Pastor Mona any other time, please call First UMC at 989-725-2201.

Pastor Mona's cell number is 269-484-4060.

GOT PRAYER NEEDS?

Please contact either
Margaret Duntley, 989-723-4514,
Mcduntley@charter.net

or

Janet Keesler, 989-277-0959,
jmkeesler1970@gmail.com

and unleash the power of God through our prayer warriors. You may also call or email the church office at **989-723-2664** or trinityumc@michonline.net

April Anniversaries

None

April Birthdays

04 - Carol Ray

08 - Marty Stinson

18 - Jan Moberg

21 - Nellie Lab

25 - Rev. Dr. Mona Joslyn

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are Mine!”

Isaiah 43:1





Thank you to Jan Moberg for decorating the back wall of the Narthex. Here is a picture painted by Janet Keesler.

Serving the Congregation in April

If you cannot make your commitment for any reason, please find your replacement. Thank you.

	4/7	4/14	4/21	4/28	
NURSERY					
LITURGIST	Terry	Carol	Terry	Carol	
JR. CHURCH	Jasmine	Jasmine	Jasmine	Jasmine	
SOUND/CAMERA	Sandy & Mark	Sandy & Mark	Sandy & Mark	Sandy & Mark	
ELEVATOR	Tom	Mark	Rick	Mark	
COUNTERS	Sandy & Peggy	Tom & Jan	Sandy & Peggy	Tom & Jan	
USHERS	Jasmine Rick	Jasmine Rick	Jasmine Rick	Jasmine Rick	
GREETERS	Rick	Rick	Rick	Rick	

I realized that no one can discover everything God is doing under the sun. Not even the wisest people discover everything, no matter what they claim.

Ecclesiastes 8:17



WISH LIST

Sponsor a Respite Volunteer Family \$550

Annual membership

Help Cleaning our Office

Flash Drives 64GB or more

Postage stamps

Book: As My Parents Age-Reflections on Life, Love and Change by Cynthia Ruchti

Canopy/Awning for Outdoor Events

Persons to apply for the Kroger Customer Rewards for Respite Volunteers

#10 Plain White Envelopes

Retail Gift Cards to Purchase Office Supplies, and Building Maintenance Supplies;

Gift Cards or Gift Certificates from Home Depot, Gilbert's, Meijer,
for office supplies

Respite Volunteers

Yes, we are still at 710 W. King St., Owosso (just east of Memorial Healthcare Hospital)

But our Mailing Address is: PO Box 1777, Owosso MI 48867

989-725-1127

office@respitetechnicians.org

www.respitevolunteers.org

follow our events on facebook



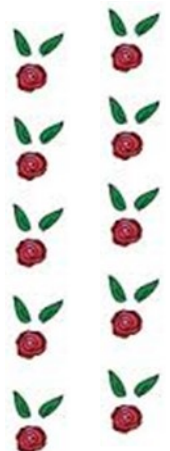
Mail donations to:

Respite Volunteers of Shiawassee

P.O. box 1777

Owosso, MI 48867

989-725-1127



Trinity United Methodist Craft-April
Come Craft with Us!
Saturday, April 13, 2024



10:00am – 6:00pm

Trinity Fellowship Hall
Downstairs
(Elevator Available)

720 S. Shiawassee St.
Owosso, Michigan 48867
(M-52 & Stewart St.)



\$20.00 per person
Free Stuff
Make 'n Take Crafts
Bring Your Craft Supplies
Snacks included
Learn a New Craft



To register, send form below with check payable to:
Trinity United Methodist Church
Mail to: **Janet Keesler, 720 S. Shiawassee St., Owosso, MI 48867.**
Deadline for registration is Friday, April 6, 2024.
For more information call Janet Keesler at 989-277-0959.

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

I would like to sit with: _____

Special Requests (electricity): _____

Email Address: _____

Flyer for Fund Raiser for Trinity UMC.



Mission Statement

Trinity United Methodist Church invites all people to a transforming faith: by knowing and worshipping God through Jesus Christ; claiming and living God's promises; growing and sharing the good news; and serving together in love.

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 Check us out on Facebook!

Events for April

- **Sundays - Group Bible Study at 10:15am**
- **Tuesdays - Women's Bible Study at Margaret's House at 10:00am**
- **Saturday, April 6, 2024 at 8:00am - UMM Meeting**
- **Sunday, April 7, 2024 - Communion**
- **Tuesday, April 9, 2024 - UMW Luncheon (Time & Place to Be Announced)**
- **Saturday, April 13, 2024 from 10:00am-6:00pm - Trinity Craft-April**
- **Sunday, April 14, 2024 - Noisy Coin Offering**
- **Tuesday, April 16, 2024 - Newsletter Articles Due**
- **Monday, April 22-June8, 2024 - Pastor Mona on Vacation and Annual Conference**
- **Thursday, April 25, 2024 at 6:15pm - Leadership Team Meeting**
- **Sunday, April 28, 2024 - Coffee Hour Hosted by the Leadership Team**

Scripture Readings

April 7	John 20:19-31
April 14	Luke 24:36b-48
April 21	Psalms 23
April 28	John 15:1-8

The Coffee Hour 2024/2025 schedule is as follows for the last Sunday of the month:

April: Leadership Team
 May: UMM
 June: Finance
 July and August: None at this time
 September: Liturgists
 October: Trustees