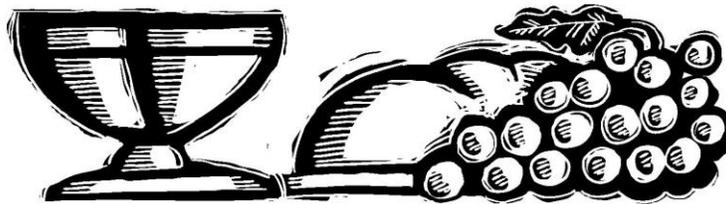


Trinity Tidings

March 2018

Trinity Church is a fellowship seeking to share the love and word of Jesus Christ
with all.



HOLY WEEK

From the Pastor

Without a Vision the People Perish

One of my responsibilities as the pastor of Trinity is to help guide our movement into the future. As a leader, my task is to think ahead and to call others to do the same.

Over my long tenure, there have been several junctures when we've done this as we've called together members and leaders to prayerfully discern where God is calling us in the immediate future.

NOW is such a time.

So I'm enthused to let you know that on March 18th we'll be holding the first of several events to again bring together our thoughts, our hopes, our faith and our discernment and to start looking into the next season of our congregational life.

It's called VISION QUEST. On Sunday, March 18th, we'll gather in Starr Hall, 12:30 – 3:30 p.m. for a guided session of reflection and sharing, asking ourselves, "Who is God calling us to be as a congregation as we move ahead?"

I expect over 100 people to participate in this serious time of prayerful reflection. It will center on guided table talk as small groups gather to consider a few big questions guided by a table facilitator. I hope you'll prayerfully consider registering for this event and committing several hours to helping your church think about the future of our congregational ministry. I hope that newer members and younger members will especially know that your input is needed.

This is just the beginning of a year-long process, and it's important that we get off to a strong start. So consider participating, and please hold this process in your prayers.

Thank you.

Together in Christ's service

Frank



Holy Week

We hope you'll mark your calendar and worship with your church family to experience the heart of our faith. Our schedule of activities includes:

Sunday, March 25th Palm Sunday Worship

8:15 a.m. – Chapel
9:15 a.m. – Contemporary Worship
10:45 a.m. – Traditional Worship

Thursday, March 29th Maundy Thursday Worship and Communion

In the Sanctuary at 7:30 p.m. We remember Jesus' last night with a service of light and darkness, including Holy Communion. Childcare is provided.

Friday, March 30th Cross Walk and Good Friday Worship

We gather at Trinity at 6:15 p.m. and walk silently on Main Street as we remember Jesus carrying the cross to Calvary. The worship service is at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Childcare is provided during the service.

Saturday, March 31st Easter Vigil Saturday Worship

In Trinity House at 5 p.m. We commemorate the disciples waiting after the crucifixion and before the resurrection with a service of light, word, table and water.

Sunday, April 1st Easter Worship

7:30 a.m. – in the Chapel, with Holy Communion
9:15 a.m. - in the Sanctuary with choirs and brass ensemble
11 a.m. - in the Sanctuary with choirs and brass ensemble

Worshippers who know the Hallelujah Chorus are invited to sing it with the choir at the end of the 9:15 and 11 a.m. services on Easter.

There will be no KidVenture or Sunday Student Ministry on Easter. Families are encouraged to worship together. There will be nursery care provided and Creative Activities during the 9:15 and 11 a.m. services.

The Bulletin Board

Martha Friendship Circle: March 5th

Monday, March 5th, Martha Friendship Circle will meet in Heath Village's Heath Room at 2 p.m. We're going to be entertained by the children of the Slattery School of Irish Dancers. This is a group of young children that have been studying, practicing and performing Irish dance. They're incredible and many of the dancers are from Trinity Church. We're so excited to share this performance with you. This will be a most enjoyable time and will give you a chance to meet these delightful children. So be sure to join us on the 5th and bring a friend. We may even have homemade Irish soda bread. Hope to see you then. Blessings and peace, Ginny & Lauren. If you have any questions, call 908-852-6431.

Trinity UMM Fellowship Breakfast: Saturday, March 10th

The Musconetcong Watershed Association (MWA) will speak to us about its ongoing efforts to clean up the Musconetcong River. The breakfast is 8 - 9:30 a.m. in Starr Hall (7:45 a.m. coffee for early arrivals). All are welcome.

New Members Reception: Sunday, April 15th

The process includes a dinner on Saturday, April 14th, and on the 15th, a class at 9:15 a.m. and reception into the fellowship of the church during the 10:45 a.m. worship service. If you find Trinity is a good place for you to worship and serve, please consider joining. For more information or to join, let one of the pastors know, call the church office at 908-852-3020, or indicate your interest on the *Just Say Yes* form in the worship bulletin or on the fellowship sheet. The next new members reception will be June 10th.

Baptism: Sunday, March 11th

The sacrament of baptism for babies, youth and adults is during the 10:45 a.m. worship service. For information, call the church office at 908-852-3020 or see the application online at our website. The next baptisms will be on May 13th and July 8th.

Interfaith Hospitality Network: March 18th – 25th

Safe Harbor Ministry: Saturday, March 31st

Midnight Run: Saturday, March 17th

We'll celebrate Scout Sunday on March 18th at the 10:45 worship service.

We'll welcome and recognize the local scouts in our community. If you're connected to such a group, please invite leaders and scouts to worship with us that day.

All-Church Day of Service on March 10th

On Saturday, March 10th, the Trinity Church community will be spreading out across Hackettstown and the surrounding area to love our neighbors through hands-on service. There will be opportunities for families and children. Some projects will take just a couple of hours, while others will take most of the day. Join one of the projects we've arranged or create one of your own and tell us about it. Serve with your small group, alone, as a family or invite others to serve with you.

If you can't serve on March 10th, choose another day. The idea is to have as many people serving others as possible! Whether you're creating your own project or joining an organized one, sign up online or in the *Just Say Yes* in the worship bulletin. If you know of a project needing some people, with a local organization, or a neighbor who needs help with a household task, please let Pastor Deb know!

Lenten Day Apart ~ Saturday, March 17th

On Saturday, March 17th, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., join us at Tuscarora Inn and Conference Center in Mt. Bethel, PA to create some space for quiet reflection and prayer. There will be morning sessions for spiritual direction available. Lunch and refreshments are included. The cost is \$40. Partial and full scholarships are available. Further details and directions will be provided after signup. If you can only come for part of the day, you're welcome. Sign up the same way you sign up for small groups or contact Pastor Deb at ddevos@catchthespirit.org.

Walking Through Holy Week

This multi-sensory prayer experience will be open
Wednesday - Sunday, March 28th – April 1st in the KidZone.

Multiple prayer stations that will engage all of your senses will be available to you to help you connect more deeply in this holiest of weeks. Children are welcome with parental guidance. Many of the stations are appropriate and engaging for all ages. Come early to one of the Holy Week services or stay after. Stop by on your way to or from work or on a lunch break. Spend ten minutes or spend an hour. This opportunity is very flexible and self-guided, and is even available on Easter Sunday morning.

Staff News

Trinity's staff are the compensated servants of the church who lead in specific areas. Through the work of the Pastor Parish Relations Ministry Team and the Lay Personnel Ministry Team, these staff members are supported and guided in their work. And when changes come, they guide those changes, and then the Administrative Board takes action on the changes. Here are some recent ones.

Associate Pastor

Associate Pastor Jenny Smith Walz has accepted the invitation to be appointed as lead pastor of the Princeton New Jersey United Methodist Church. She'll begin her ministry on July 1st. While we'll greatly miss Jenny, we share her joy that God has called her to this new ministry.

Organist and Chancel Choir Director

We welcome back MaryRose Kummerfeldt, who served in this capacity for one and a half years before having to leave for medical reasons about a year and a half ago. We thank God that her health matters are taken care of and that she'll be among us again. Her first Sunday is March 4th.

Middle School Student Director

Vania Stevenson is getting started in this capacity, leading our 6th, 7th and 8th graders in a program of spiritual nurture, service and growth.

Creative Activities Director

Tim Sink will oversee this important child care component of our Sunday morning ministry. Tim has been volunteering in this ministry for a couple of years and now takes responsibility for it.

Care at the End of Life Ministry

We welcome all members, especially newcomers who are interested in our group in supporting the terminally ill and their families. We meet as often as needed to discuss and address relevant issues. We're actively seeking new members for our ministry, so if you're interested and have any questions or need more information, please contact Joan Hagaman at 973-702-1282 or jonihagaman@gmail.com. Watch for our next meeting date coming soon.

TRINITY LADIES!



If God is real...then we want more than anything to live like it.

For this reason, I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

2 Timothy 1:6-7 (ESV)

IF: LOCAL at Trinity Church March 23 - 24

Friday: 6 - 9 p.m. (Soup and salad dinner.)

**Saturday: 9 - 11:30 a.m., 12 -2:30 p.m., 3 - 5:30 p.m.
(Continental breakfast and lunch provided.)**

If you would like to attend, please contact Pastor Deb at ddevos@catchthespirit.org.

Seeking Women to Host Savor Suppers



Savor Suppers are opportunities for women to gather for faith-filled fellowship, a simple meal and rich conversation. Suppers include no more than five women plus the host allowing for women to really connect with one another over a simple meal.

If you're willing to open your home for a Savor Supper, please email Pastor Deb at ddevos@catchthespirit.org. You choose the date and time! Please include that information in your email, as well.

Financially Speaking

Our 2018 ministry budget is our financial blueprint for the year. It's significantly reduced from the proposed budget originally submitted, but is a balanced budget that will sustain our ministry (at 1% above last year's budget.) However, the successful fulfillment of this ministry plan depends on congregational financial support, so please remember these helpful matters.

If you've made a financial pledge to the church for the year, please try to fulfill it on a regular basis so that our income flow is steady. If you miss worship, please try to catch up as soon as possible. If you have not made a pledge, but want to support our ministry financially, please consider giving on a regular basis, not only when you attend worship.

Trinity can assist you in making regular gifts to the church through electronic transfer of funds. You may also set up automatic charging to your credit card. You may contribute by text giving.

Of course, please remember that all gifts to the church are tax deductible. For details, please call church treasurer Charles Mulé at 908-852-3020, extension 20.

Thank you for your prayerful financial support that enables us to do so much for God's people.

UMM Matters

Bill Blaskopf

February was a very busy month for UMM. On the weekend of February 3rd and 4th, we made just over 250 hoagies. The hoagie makers met at 8 a.m. on Saturday and at 6 a.m. on Sunday to ensure that our hoagies were made fresh. Profits from the sale of the hoagies will go to the Mathias Torgersen Scholarship Fund. We'll announce the total amount of scholarship monies available next month. We would gladly accept direct donations to the scholarship fund.

Saturday, February 10th was our Breakfast with the Bishop. Bishop John Schol and well over 100 people from over 20 local UMC churches attended our breakfast at Centenary University. Bishop Schol spoke on *NextGen: The New Disciples Who Will Lead Us*. Bishop Schol's presentation was well received and motivating. A free will offering was taken with all monies collected going to "A Future with Hope."

The Musconetcong Watershed Association (MWA) will be here on March 10th and will speak to us about its ongoing efforts to clean up the Musconetcong River. Then on April 14th, after our breakfast meeting, all attendees are invited to join the MWA on its annual cleanup of the river here in Hackettstown.

On April 14th, Steve Somers will speak to us on *Guiding Your Child/Grandchild to Reach His/Her Potential*. No program is set for May, yet.

On June 9th, Brian Duggan, District Director of the Forks of the Delaware Boy Scout Council, will speak on *The Future of Scouting*. And we'll recognize any boys of Troop 416 who have become Eagle Scouts this year.

Summer 2018: Our Second Annual Balls and Strikes will occur, when we'll make arrangements to see a local professional baseball game and go bowling. You may participate in one or the other or both. More details to follow.

Finally, please remember, **UMM is not just for men**. We invite all Trinity parishioners to attend. Among our goals is to provide a sense of community, a meaningful presentation and a fantastic breakfast. Blessings to you all.

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Please remember what a great blessing you can offer to Trinity by including the church in your last will and testament. You can add a codicil to an existing will or include Trinity in a new will. Please consider this as a way to give one final gift to your church. For more information, contact Dr. Fowler.  
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Greetings Ministry ~ March 11th

Come to the Greetings Ministry table in Starr Hall on Sunday, March 11th. We have cards, envelopes, stamps and the names of people who need a friendly, caring greeting from Trinity. All YOU need to do is just sit down for a few minutes and write a note of care, compassion and hope. Or you may know someone who would enjoy receiving a greeting. We also want to send mail to service men and women to let them know we remember. Send name and current mailing address for any military folks to Edna Barrier at nebarrier@aol.com or Sue Bernard at bernards1963@aol.com.



**Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 11th.
Remember to set your clocks ahead an hour on Saturday, the 10th.**

With Our Sympathy

- ❖ Julie Ryan and family on the death of her uncle Alan
- ❖ The McGregor family on the death of Rev. Dr. William H. McGregor
- ❖ Family and friends of Gail Sers
- ❖ Family and friends of Henry Gorney
- ❖ Danielle Witt on the death of her grandmother
- ❖ Barbara Yarwood on the death of her cousin, James Shirk

Creation Care

Carol Kitchell

March 19th – 25th is the Environmental Protection Agency's 10th annual Fix a Leak Week. Household leaks can waste more than one trillion gallons of water annually nationwide. Mark your calendars and look for and fix leaks inside and outside your home to save valuable water and money all year long.

A leaky faucet dripping at the rate of one drop per second can waste more than 3,000 gallons per year. A shower leaking 10 drips per minute wastes more than 500 gallons per year. Repair leaks by checking faucet washers and gaskets. Replace old toilets with WaterSense[®] models and save 13,000 gallons of water per average family per year.

Check your water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter changes at all, you probably have a leak. Identify toilet leaks by placing a drop of food coloring in the toilet tank. If any color shows up in the bowl after 10 minutes, you have a leak. (Be sure to flush immediately after the experiment to avoid staining the tank.)



10th Annual Hackettstown St. Patrick's Day Parade

Sunday, March 11th, Beginning 3:30 p.m.

This is one of Hackettstown's biggest events, drawing over 14,000 visitors. There will be floats, Irish dance groups and bands, community groups, bagpipes, Centenary University clubs and many other participants. The parade is also pet-friendly with a pet costume competition.

God in Many Faces

Carol Kitchell

March 8th is International Women's Day, and this year's theme is *Press for Progress*. The *2017 Global Gender Gap Report* surveyed 144 countries regarding their progress on gender parity via four main themes: Economic Participation and Opportunity, Educational Attainment, Health and Survival, and Political Empowerment. Also included was data on gender gaps across industry talent pools and occupations. Data shows that the gender gap is widening. Instead of taking 170 years to close the gap at the current rate of progress, it's estimated that gender parity across the world will take over two centuries, 217 years to be exact.

Started by the Suffragettes, the first International Women's Day was celebrated in 1911. The day belongs to all communities everywhere - governments, companies, charities, educational institutions, networks, associations, the media and more. Whether through a global conference, community gathering, classroom lesson or dinner table conversation, everyone can play a purposeful part in pressing for gender parity. Do what you can to truly make a positive difference for women.

March 21st is the United Nation's International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. The theme for this year: Promoting tolerance, inclusion, unity and respect for diversity in the context of combating racial discrimination.

Article 1 of the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights* states that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. And based on Article 2, everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in the declaration, without distinction of race or any other kind. Yet racism, xenophobia and intolerance are prevalent in all societies and discriminatory practices are widespread, particularly targeting migrants and refugees, as well as people of African descent. All nations and communities are urged to take comprehensive measures to combat racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, and to promote tolerance, inclusion, unity and respect for diversity. Every day, all of us can stand up against racial prejudice and intolerant attitudes.

"We focus on Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday, but we forget to pause in the stillness of the days between. Find time today to be present in that place of waiting. There is treasure to be found in the sacred peace that comes as you breathe in that place of quiet surrender. Don't rush through the space called 'Between'."

Katherine J. Walden



Jr. Prayer Shawl Group

Attention Jr. Prayer Shawl small group members *AND* all who are interested in attending this small group fellowship ministry for kids, eight years old and older, who like to knit or crochet *OR* who want to learn to knit or crochet:

Our meeting this month will be on Wednesday, March 14th, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. in Room 104. Jr. Prayer Shawl meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

Mrs. Thorp, Mrs. Huff, Mrs. Tuxhorn and Mrs. Neumann are looking forward to seeing you on the 14th. If you have any questions, please contact Ginny Thorp at gthorp@catchthespirit.org or 908-852-3020, ext. 16 or 908-894-0173.

Family Ministry Small Groups

Monday March 5,19	High School Fellowship Meets 1 st and 3 rd Mondays	7 – 8:30 p.m. Pami residence
Wednesday March 14, 28	High School Girls Meets 2 nd and 4 th Wednesdays	6:30 – 8 p.m. Upper Room
Wednesday March 14, 28	High School Boys' Group Meets 2 nd and 4 th Wednesdays	TBD
Wednesday March 14	Jr. Prayer Shawl Small Group (Ages 8 & older) Meets 2 nd Wednesday of the month	4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Room 104

Pastor Fowler's Frog Eyes Bible Verse Memory Game

The weekends of March 3rd/4th, 10th/11th, 17th/18th and 24th/25th, Reverend Fowler's Frog Eyes Bible Verse Memory Game will continue before and after all services for children in kindergarten through 4th grade. Each week, the students can memorize that week's bible verse and then recite it to a pastor at the Lily Pad in Trinity House on Saturday or in Starr Hall on Sunday. A special gift will be given to each participant at the end of the game on Palm Sunday weekend. Please check Trinity's website at www.catchthespirit.org for the list of Bible verses.

KidVenture Corner

March 4th & 11th

The students in KidVenture will be hearing the story of Jesus' baptism in Luke 3:1-22, and they'll continue to discover that Jesus is God's son and God loves him, and learn that we're God's children and God loves us! Throughout this unit, a special focus will be on teaching the children what it means to be baptized.

March 11th

This is the third session of the third graders' Bible Blast classes during the KidVenture hour. During this time, the students will discover the difference between chapters and verses, and they'll become more comfortable looking up stories and verses in the Bible.

March 18th and 25th

The 6th and 7th grade students will help to lead the KidVenture classes in stations focused on Holy Week. Each of these two Sundays, the students will rotate to two different stations that will focus on Palm Sunday, the Last Supper, Good Friday and the Resurrection.

April 1st, Easter Sunday

KidVenture classes are not held. Families are encouraged to worship together. Creative activities will be offered at both the 9:15 and 11 a.m. services.

If you have any questions about KidVenture, or you'd like to sign up your child (two years old through 5th grade), please contact Danielle Witt, Director of Children's Ministry, at dwitt@catchthespirit.org.

4th and 5th Grade Fellowship

March 21st, 5:30 – 7 p.m., all children in the 4th and 5th grades are welcome to join us in Starr Hall. We'll be baking cookies for Palm Sunday delivery to the elderly and sick. Come and help us spread Easter joy to others! RSVP to Danielle Witt at dwitt@catchthespirit.org.



IT'S SPRING!

March 20th ~ 1st Day of Spring!



Middle School Ministry

With Every Act of love We Bring the Kingdom Come

Wednesday, March 7

7 - 8:30 p.m. (Pick up in Rotunda.)

Scatter Kindness

We'll be meeting in the Middle School Room, then heading to the Rotunda for some Top-Secret Action. Bring  friend! The more the merrier!

Wednesday, March 14

7 - 8:30 p.m. (Pick up in Starr Hall.)



Love Begins at Home

Tonight is all about growing closer together! We'll start in the Middle School Room to discuss last week's missions. Then head to Starr Hall to play some team-building games! Bring your sneakers and a friend!

Wednesday, March 21*

6 - 8:30 p.m. (Pick up in KidZone.)

Pay It Forward**

Calling all Middle Schoolers! Bring your pajamas and meet us in the KidZone for a hot chocolate buffet and movie night. This is an inspiring movie about a 12-year-old boy who launched a good will movement that stretched across the whole country! Yes, ONE person can make a difference!

* There are some students in a confirmation small group on Wednesdays until 7:30. Come on by when you're done! It wouldn't be the same without you!

** PARENTAL DISCLOSURE: This film is rated PG-13. There is some foul language, but it does not damage the integrity of the movie. The intention is to reinforce the concept that people from all forms of life can inspire hope and make an impact. I urge you to watch this movie in advance if you're concerned about it being appropriate for your student. If you prefer not to have your student come for the movie, feel free to pass!

Bible Verse for Reflection



John 13:34 *Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.* (NIV)

Have a Listen 

With Every Act of Love – Jason Gray

The Lord's Pantry

Kellie Pennington

Please save the date! Our biggest food drive of the year is coming up and we need your help. On Saturday, May 12th, post offices across the country will be participating in the annual "Stamp Out Hunger" food drive. On that day, people are asked to place non-perishable foods by their mailboxes. Postal workers will pick up the bags of food while making their mail deliveries and the food is then donated to local food banks and pantries.

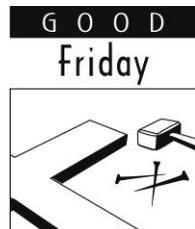
The Hackettstown and Budd Lake post offices graciously donate their collected food to us, and we need many hands that day to collect, sort and store the food. There are many ways that you can help:

- Leave non-perishable food items (no glass, please) out that day at your mailbox, or deliver food to your post office or directly to the Lord's Pantry.
- Tell friends and family about the event. Maybe your business or organization can sponsor a private food drive and deliver the food on May 12th.
- Consider volunteering your time that afternoon, either as a driver to pick up food from the post offices or as a food sorter. Watch for future *Just Say Yes* forms in the worship bulletin for your opportunity to sign up.

With your help, we can have a successful food drive and continue to fight food insecurity in our area!

During the month of January we served 1,239 people (423 families): 352 children, 731 adults and 156 seniors.

Donate to the Pantry on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. – 12 noon, or take donations to the church office when it's open.



Thank You

Volunteer service is something you owe yourself. Thursday evening Thrift Shop Ladies are the best! I recently had to stop the evening shift as cashier in the top Thrift Shop because I'm starting school full time. (Will still see you on Saturdays.) I spent nine months working Thursday evenings and I cannot thank those ladies enough for all the support they gave me. I started evenings because I thought I should volunteer additional hours while I had the time, but it turns out that I received so much in return. There is a trust and bond that cannot be explained between God-loving volunteers! The safe haven of fellowship helped support me through the most difficult time of my life. Thrift Shop Ladies are God's Angels! I laughed and cried with you all and I am so grateful for your friendship. You listened and supported me with a true faith that was inspiring. The humor we shared heals me, and I know that our service heals the community. I recommend volunteering whenever possible because you get so much more in return. Thank you again ladies!

Love, Cathy Hawryluk

Excerpt from Bishop John Schol's letter about school violence.

We use prayer to lift our concerns, we share our deepest agonies and we cry out to God. Through prayer God answers and God's message to us is clear. Our prayers to God call us to action.

It is never harder to have these conversations with God than in the midst of tragedies of senseless violence. We've committed ourselves to pray for other similar tragedies.

I call you to discern together how your prayer can turn into action. What will you do to break the cycle of violence in our communities? How can you help your community address the social conditions that lead to this violence: mental illness, racism, poverty, addiction, social isolation and bullying? Our founder, John Wesley, called us to personal holiness and social holiness. Personal holiness will deepen your prayer life at this time but what does social holiness look like in the face of senseless violence in our schools? How do you bring body and spirit, faith and works together? Let's all commit to see every person as made in the image of God, challenge people with extremist views, support programs that work with mental illness in our communities, address bullying, reach out to the isolated, never let a comment that degrades another person or gender or race go unchecked, and model hearts of peace in our living.

There is evil in the world but it does not mean that we allow evil to go unchecked. Living a life of faith that is practiced by doing the right thing in the face of evil and violence is connecting body and spirit and in these times, the interconnection is even more critical.

The View from Here

Holy Week. But in just about any week, there's so much awful stuff going on in our world that looking for the holy is a real effort. But here we are, traveling through Lent on our way to Easter, our holiest and most significant time of our Christian year.

There is a way to navigate through these days that makes sense, which holds us in a supportive connectedness. Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, the Vigil, Resurrection Sunday. We hope for the best, darkness seems to overwhelm, we hold the pain, we endure and even thrive.

I began thinking about this when we heard of another school shooting, an event that has been happening at a rate of terrible regularity. And knowing that any sort of cease fire in Syria was an illusion. We can add to this litany of deeply troubling political and societal concerns until we can feel very helpless and sometimes hopeless.

Placing our daily lives within the context of our faith can be an adventure, a plunge, an experiment, a test, a refuge. The act of doing so can become the holy place. It just seemed to me, once I got going on the idea, that we act out the "stations" of Holy Week throughout our lives. We go along without any great catastrophes or even heavy-duty frustrations (the Palm Sunday lifestyle), we run headlong into the sort of situation where we begin praying, "Please God, let one and one not be two." Or life around us and the tragedies we see happen cause us to jump the rails for a time emotionally or spiritually. (Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.) We dwell for however long we need to in the valley, in the cocoon of our pain, in the womb of healing (the Vigil). And then, if we hang onto God, onto the risen Christ, not just our professed faith, we can believe, however tenuously or strongly or doubtfully, that we're held within a resurrected life. We're not alone.

Recently, the idea of sanctuary came up in a group discussion. I love the concept of sanctuary and I'm ready to throw it into the mix. Holy Week embodies within its celebrations and horrors and disorientations and triumphs the possibility of sanctuary. Sanctuary in terms of a sheltered and protected place of nourishment and healing, as well as a space within which to grow stronger and deeper. And sanctuary in terms of a holy place where we abide in the presence of God, knowing that's true whether we feel it or not.

And in this way, our Lent journey can help us grieve and celebrate, endure and thrive.

Be well and God bless, Carol

Serving God with Us in March

Chapel Ushers

March 4 Dennis & Pattie Huff
March 11 Rob De Vos
March 18 Bonnie Palma, Betty Cyphers
March 25 Linda Feula, Sally Hahnes

Greeters - 9:15

March 4 Karen Riccobono, Linda Gonia, Joyce Jansen
March 11 Amanda & Paul Cummings, Karin Rennie
March 18 Lou Ann Harris, Alice Davis, Linda & Eric Gonia
March 25 Lou Ann Harris, Cindy Newton, Linda & Eric Gonia

Greeters - 10:45

March 4 Rosemary & David Robertson, Liz Falco
March 11 TBD
March 18 TBD
March 25 TBD

Ushers – 9:15

March 4 Donna Re, Pauline Churchill, Prince Kelvin Tetteh, Cris & Bob Hom, Leslie Felix Mule, Tony Albanese, Linda Feci
March 11 Rich Bonti, Carolyn Sunday, Prince Kelvin Tetteh, Bette & Dave Sprandel, Tony Albanese, Linda & Eric Gonia, Pat Bristow
March 18 Curt Peirson, Rob DeVos, Michele Risley, Prince Kelvin Tetteh, Bette & Dave Sprandel, Tony Albanese, Linda Gonia, Sara Gonia
March 25 Donna Re, Carolyn Sunday, Ivana Mc Hugh, Bette & Dave Sprandel, Tony Albanese, Edna Burton, Rosann & Frank Cavalvoro

Ushers – 10:45

March 4 Nancy & Hank Snover, Rey & Bob Benanti, Pat Mullen, Joan Crouse, Bill Blaine, Joan Roehrich, Roger Hammond
March 11 John Torkos, Terri Watson, Pat Mullen, Ed Thomas, Joan Crouse, Bill Blaine, Joan Roehrich, Carol Munro, Roger Hammond, Faydeanne Henkel
March 18 Nancy & Hank Snover, Pat Mullen, Nancy Soleau, Ed Thomas, Don Guelich, Joan Crouse, Bill Blaine, Joan Roehrich, Vernon Kilkenny
March 25 John Torkos, Pat Mullen, Ed Thomas, Joan Crouse, Bill Blaine, Joan Roehrich, Scott Matthews, Roger Hammond, Gean Gallagher, Faydeanne Henkel

March 29

Maundy Thursday

Nancy & Hank Snover, Leslie Felix Mule, Mary & Will Hund, Nancy Soleau, Joan Crouse, Bette & Dave Sprandel, Brenda Sargeant

March 30

Good Friday

Curt Peirson, Nancy Soleau, Alyson Reynolds, Joan Crouse, Lou Ann Harris, Sharon Roff, Gary Droppa

Welcome Center – 9:15

March 4 Will Hund
March 11 Joyce Kingston
March 18 Pauline Churchill
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