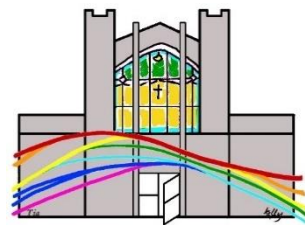


Trinity Times

“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors”



News Update for March 16, 2022

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John Wesley Quote

I likewise advise all our preachers not to preach above an hour at a time, prayer and all; and not to speak louder either in preaching or prayer than the number of hearers requires.



To Thomas Capiter, 1753

This Week at Trinity

Thursday (March 17th)

Happy St. Patrick’s Day



Friday (March 18th)

Saturday (March 19th)

Sunday (March 20th) Lent 3

- **Indoor, In-Person Church and Video Worship** on Facebook Page at 10:15 a.m.
- **Wesley Bell Choir to play in Worship**
- **Lenten Book Study** 11:30 a.m.

Do church in person or from the comfort of your couch!

[\(https://www.facebook.com/TUMCIF/\)](https://www.facebook.com/TUMCIF/)

Monday (March 21st)

- **Theology on Tap** 7:00 p.m. Zoom
- **NA Just 4 Today 2**

Tuesday (March 22nd)

- **Cub Scout Pack Meeting** 7:00 pm

Wednesday (March 23rd)

- **Upper Room** by zoom 10:00 am
- **Troop 6** 7:30 pm

Thursday (March 24th) Office closed.

Worship on 3/20

This Sunday, Reverend Ruth's sermon will be:
 "Here chick, chick, chick"

The Theme for the day will be:
 "What Is Yet To Come"

LESSON FROM THE CHRISTIAN GOSPEL
 Luke 13:31-35

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.'

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

Beloved

March

Scott Brown	16 th
Jared Sene	16 th
Giovanni Castillo	19 th
Marcie Miles	20 th
Heidi Empey	21 st
Analea Hruska	21 st
Gene Summers	25 th
Diane Gates	27 th
Jim Anderson	28 th
Leslie Perez	28 th
Thomas Demopoulos	29 th
Bill Clemons	30 th
Sharen Trickey	30 th
Whitney Wade	31 st

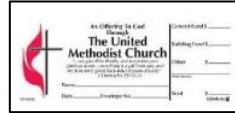
April

Marline Crites	1 st
Richard Kunter	1 st
Christy Southwick	1 st
Dawson Smith	4 th
Amy Southwick	4 th
Scott Taylor	6 th
John Harder	7 th
Beth Brochu	8 th
Casey Eikelberger	9 th
Marilyn Taylor	10 th
William Osteen	12 th
Debbie Hochhalter	13 th
Amie Rhoades	13 th
Eliana Castillo	14 th
Frankie Calder	15 th
P. J. Piper	16 th
Yvonne Taylor	16 th

Amanda & Nathan McLure 8th
 Les & Joanne McCray 11th

Revision to Financial Statements

Trinity was blessed to receive a gift of apple stock in January.



Unfortunately, we booked the value into the endowments fund with the other investments. The gift was intended to be a regular contribution not an endowment. As a result of finance committee discussions, the money was correctly classified as income. This means that Trinity's net income is currently <\$543> not <\$12,000>. We are pleased to report this correction.

Our church's financial status for year-to-date March 16, 2022:

Pledges & Regular Giving	\$22,647.86
Loose Plate Giving	\$ 94.15
Schaumleffel Foundation	\$ 1,533.34
Donations of Stock	\$11,923.10
Unrealized Gain/Loss on Stock Held	<-368.20>



Income = \$ 35,830.25
 Expenses = \$ 36,374.06
 Difference = <-\$543.81>

Thank you for your continued generosity. More than ever, the world needs what our church offers!

UWF News

Greetings! On March 10th we had a great turnout to hear a program given by Marilyn



United Women in Faith

Taylor (with other participants) entitled "Love, Justice, and Service: Answering the Call". We learned about the Order of Deaconess and Home Missioner. These laypeople consecrate their lives to full-time vocations of love, justice, and service under the authority of the church.

Mary Nagel prepared a delicious key lime pie for refreshment.

Special News! Beginning this year United Methodist Women will be called United Women in Faith. Our focus will continue to be on women, children, and youth. Our logo will have a new look, and new programs are designed to better nurture current members and welcome new women into our sisterhood. More information is coming. Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Sunday Activities 2022

We are happy to report that we have resumed some opportunities for families, adults, children, and youth to participate in meaningful worship, study, and fellowship.

Sunday Worship - each week

- 10:15 a.m. In person and on the internet
"Kid's Time" is back in Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Parlor - Coffee & Fellowship
- 11:30 a.m. Lenten book study
- Childcare Available from 10 - 12:30 p.m.

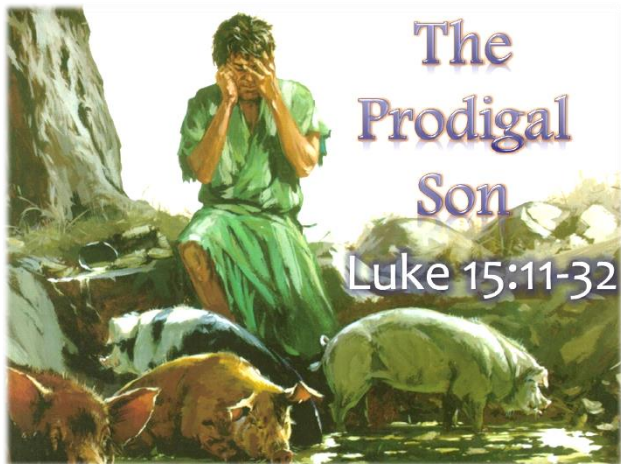
*See you at
Trinity United Methodist Church!*

Sermon from 3/13

Sermon: "Everything God Has"
(based on Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32)



What's really ours is finite. When we accept the good that God desires for us, we receive an infinite amount; "Everything God Has"

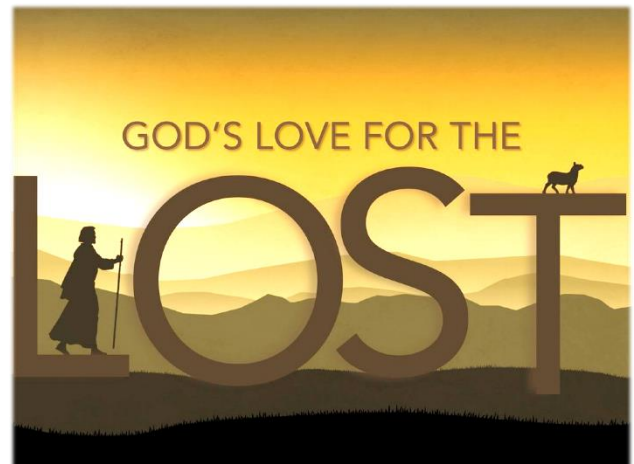


The parable we have just heard read is probably the best known and best loved of all the parables of Jesus. It is also one of the more complex parables, containing several stories within one, each with a different main character, and you tend to hear one or the other most prominently depending on what's going on in your life. For example, if you are the parent of a runaway child, you may hear this parable from the perspective of the waiting father and relate

to him. The story could have become known as the parable of the Waiting Father; or the parable of the Older Brother instead of the parable of the Prodigal Son.

The reason that it has become best known as the parable of the Prodigal Son is probably because it makes such a great text for preaching. It is easy to get people relating to the son who has run away and wrecked his life, and there is nothing wrong with hearing the story from that perspective. We seldom tire of hearing that God loves us, yearns for us to be close, and is always ready to come running to meet us with open arms and an instant party to celebrate our homecoming.

Jesus may have told this story many times, each time reaching the various hearts within earshot. However, it may come as surprise to you to realize that this best loved of parables appears in only one of the four gospels - Luke - and now for an even bigger surprise, the emphasis actually falls on the angry brother.



Verses 1 to 3 give us the context. The devout religious people are taking offense at the kind of company Jesus is keeping. They believe that he should either be steering clear of the "tax collectors and outcasts", or else giving them harsh

sermons about their need to repent and mend their ways.

In the face of their objections Jesus tells three stories. The first two and a half are pretty much reruns of each other. The first is the story of the shepherd who loses a sheep and leaves the other 99 until he finds the lost one. When he finds it, he's so happy he wants to throw a party with his friends. Jesus concludes by saying that all heaven rejoices over one sinner who returns to God. The second, is the story of a woman who loses a valuable coin and spends the whole day searching the house for it. When she finds it, she's so happy she wants to throw a party with her friends. Jesus concludes by saying that all heaven rejoices over one sinner who returns to God. The third story begins along similar lines, this time we are dealing with a story of an actual sinner who gets himself in a complete mess, that's entirely his own fault. The story is similar though because we have a man who has lost his son and desperately wants him back. When he gets him back, the one who was lost is found and the man is so happy, he's throwing a big bar-b-que party with singing and dancing.

This time, though, Jesus doesn't stop with the party. There's another character in the story - the elder brother. A technique used by traditional story tellers is "broken repetition". Telling a joke, you'd have a buildup that keeps repeating the same line or pattern over and over until the punch line that breaks the pattern with a funny twist. The technique also works in stories, and Jesus is using it here. One story, two stories, three stories, and then the twist that packs a punch. The lost is found - let's celebrate! The lost is found - let's celebrate!

The lost is found - let's celebrate! Then full stop... "I will not celebrate!!!"

everything

So suddenly, Jesus is not just saying that God and all the company of heaven celebrate over every sinner who turns back to God; he is contrasting two very different reactions to the sinners who turn back to God. In a sense, the prodigal son himself is not the point at all. The focus is not so much on him, but on the two different reactions to his return. Perhaps on this particular occasion, the story, is really the Parable of the Loving Father and the Angry Brother. In the face of the hostile disapproval being voiced by the devout religious people, that is one very strong parable to tell!

The angry older brother, with steam pouring out of his ears, says "What are you doing throwing a party for that sinner and eating with him?" Hear in that phrase the scribes and Pharisees saying to Jesus, "What are you doing throwing a party for those sinners and eating with them?"

So Jesus tells this story to the scribes and Pharisees. The devout religious people. A group of angry older brothers.

But let's look at the angry brother's complaint for a moment. "All these years I've been working like a slave for you, I've never disobeyed you even once, and yet you've never even given me a young goat so I can party with my friends.

The man's got a case. Who else can relate to this? I mean, many of you have been in the church all your lives. And you've worked pretty hard to do the right thing. You've taken it seriously. You kept

yourself for your marriage partner. You turn the other cheek. Yet when you walk into the house, Jesus is throwing a party for Paris Hilton. You might feel completely ripped off. A fair day's pay for a fair day's work doesn't seem too much to ask, does it? Yeah, we can relate to the angry older brother all right, because we continue to make exactly the same mistake he did. We misunderstand God just like he misunderstood his father. "My son, you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. Everything."



"What do you mean, I never gave you a goat for a party? Listen son, they're all your goats. If you never got a goat for a party with your friends, it's because you didn't invite them to share in your good fortune. You're worried we killed the fatted calf for him. Well, we'll fatten another one, because everything here is yours.

You see, God is not actually in the business of adding up the time sheets and making sure no one gets overpaid. People do that. What God is in the business of doing is reconciling the whole universe to God's self. And when you're in the business of reconciliation it doesn't much matter what time the last person gets in, when they do, it's party time. The father in the story

didn't throw the party because he liked the younger son better than the older son. He threw the party because he loved both sons. "Everything I own is yours."

Friends, all of God's grace is all yours. It's lavished on everyone who will receive it. The only way to miss out is to refuse your seat at the table. One son nearly missed out because he ran so far from the table he nearly didn't find his way back. The other may yet miss out if he refuses to sit at table with the first. The God and parent of our Lord Jesus Christ will not be able to fully rejoice and celebrate until both - until all - are seated at the table of grace.

Amen.

Blessings,
Reverend Ruth

Staying Connected

Each Sunday Worship videos will be posted on Trinity's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/TUMCIF/>). If you go to Trinity's web page (www.TUMCIF.org) you can find a link to the Facebook page. Be sure to "like" and "follow" Trinity's Facebook page if you want our content to show up in your personal Facebook feed. Please call Ruth at 208-419-7870 if you have difficulties finding the videos.

Check Trinity's YouTube channel for videos of weekly worship at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZz1YGrdRCH6HIND2LpVCgg>

How to Watch on Facebook

Watching Trinity Worship Video Without a F.B. Account. (P)

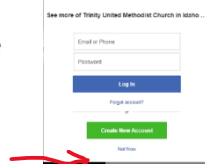
Yes, you can watch Trinity Sunday morning worship video without a Facebook account.

ON THE COMPUTER:

1. go to GOOGLE CHROME web browser and type in:
2. <https://www.facebook.com/TUMCIF/>
3. The Trinity Facebook page comes up and you can see the video.
4. Then a Facebook "sign on" window comes up
5. At the bottom of the Sign on Window there was a "NOT NOW" button
6. Push that button and you are free to watch the live stream on a laptop without a Facebook account.

ON THE CELL PHONE:

1. go to web browser and type in:
2. <https://www.facebook.com/TUMCIF/>
3. The Trinity Facebook page comes up and you can see the video.
4. Then a Facebook sign on window came up
5. Using your finger scroll down the screen
6. A second Facebook sign on window comes up
7. Close that 2nd window by pressing the "X" box up in the top right corner
8. You can see the video on the screen and play it by pressing the play triangle
9. It only shows the latest videos.
10. If you press SHOW ALL you can see all the videos back to March.
11. You are free to watch the live stream on an iPhone without a Facebook account.



Crockpot Meals Needed



Compassionate Care Need!

We need crock pot or casserole lunches for the homeless people that stop by the Day Shelter.

We will provide the cooking container and the ingredients, as necessary. Please help with all the love in your heart. Contact Don in the office.

The next available dates are March 21st, 22nd & 23rd.

Also, donations of canned food (with pull-tops) would be greatly appreciated.

Examples of greatest needs are:

- Instant Ramen Noodles
- Pasta (E.g. : Chef Boyardee)
- Corn, Green Beans, & Mixed Vegetables
- Meats
- Soups
- Spaghetti Sauce

Thanks to Ann Shively, Jill Ecklesdaffer, Nancy Copp, Joe Goyen, Cindy Woolf, Heather Rutledge, Dixie Oswald, Kay Kiefner, Kathy Harder, Bev Kemp, Pam Mayes, Jo Ann & Gary Rose, and Marcia & Tommy Lew for their preparation of food, generous donation of time, and compassion in helping with feeding the hungry.


Today's Greatest Needs

- **Winter coats, clothing**
- **Boots**
- **Warm Gloves**
- **Kitchen Storage Containers**

Trinity Leadership

Below are the names and contacts for the leadership positions for the next year. Please let the appropriate leader know how you are willing to serve.

- Bev Kemp - Chair of Staff/Parish Relations
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(860)810-3227
donrohde@aol.com
- Robin Stewart - Chair of Administrative Council
(208)521-6358
robin.s.stewart@gmail.com
- Scott Taylor, Chair of Finance
(208)201-5593

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
March		15 6:30 Ad Council 7:00 Cub Scouts Pack & Den	16 10:00 Upper Room by Zoom 6:30 pm Gather at the Table (zoom) 7:30 Troop 6	17 Happy St. Patrick's Day! 	18 Office Closed	19
		20 Lent 3 10:15 In-person worship with Live stream on Facebook Wesley Bell Choir - Worship 11:30 Lenten Book Study and Coffee hour 4:00 Handbell Practice	21 7:00 Theology on Tap (Zoom) 7:00 NA Just4Today2	22 7:00 Cub Scouts Pack & Den	23 10:00 Upper Room by Zoom 7:30 Troop 6	24
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