



## ***A Washbasin***

If you knew tonight was your last night of life, your last evening before death, what would you do?

Surround yourself with the people you love? Share in a meal and recall the wonderful things you did together? Impart that last bit of wisdom and advice? Tell your friends you love them and encourage them to continue to love and care for one another?

Jesus did all of this – and more. And the “more” is especially profound. He washed the feet of his friends.

How is it that God in the flesh could subject himself to such an act of humility?

John tells us, “After he washed the disciples’ feet, Jesus put on his robes and returned to his place at the table. He said to them, “Do you know what I’ve done for you? You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and you speak correctly, because I am. If I, your Lord and teacher, have washed your feet, you too must wash each other’s feet. I have given you an example: Just as I have done, you also must do. I assure you, servants aren’t greater than their master, nor are those who are sent greater than the one who sent them. Since you know these things, you will be happy if you do them.”

Throughout this season of Lent, we have said that “to repent is to move beyond the mind you have.” I have encouraged you to focus on Christ, lifting our gaze from belief in Jesus to living with the belief of Jesus. As we make our way toward Easter, how has your life been transformed this season? How are you growing into the mind of Christ? How are you humbled by the actions of others around you? What gift do you have to offer in the spirit of new life?

*Pastor Alan*

# HOLY WEEK & EASTER

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## **Palm Sunday – April 13**

Services at 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Holy Week begins with a joyful parade! Join us for singing, dancing, and shouting "Hosanna!" as we walk with Jesus into Jerusalem.

*The King has come—but not all is as it seems.*

## **Maundy Thursday – April 17 at 7:00 PM**

Location: Chester UMC, 12132 Percival Street, Chester

A special worship service presented by the United Methodist Churches of Chester. Worship will be in the round, with four stations of spiritual practice:

- Prayer & Anointing with Oil – Erik Kleppinger (Bermuda Hundred UMC)
- Letting Go with Dissolving Paper – Josh Wortham (Chester UMC)
- Eucharist – Alan Layman (Trinity UMC)
- Handwashing – Nathan Decker (Chester UMC)

*Come ready to reflect, participate, and connect in a meaningful way.*

## **Good Friday – April 18 at 7:00 PM**

Location: Trinity United Methodist Church

"The Witness" – A Powerful Lenten Musical

Experience the final hours of Jesus through the eyes of a witness. Written and directed by Rachel Allyn, with music from Dengler, Aspinall, Martin, Choplin, Stewart, and Hopson.

Presented by the Trinity UMC Music Department.

*All are welcome for this moving night of worship and music.*

## **Easter Sunday – April 20**

Sunrise Service – 7:00 AM on the lawn

Breakfast – Immediately following, hosted by the United Methodist Men

Easter Celebration – 11:00 AM in the sanctuary

*Come celebrate the Risen Christ!*



# Stay Connected

## **Join Us for Lenten Worship & Lunch**

This Lenten season, we are coming together with our sisters and brothers from Chester UMC and Bermuda Hundred UMC in a meaningful new way. Bermuda Hundred UMC has graciously invited us to join them each Wednesday during Lent, starting March 12, 2025, at 12:00 Noon, for a special time of Lenten Worship and Lunch.

We will begin with a brief devotion and worship, followed by a light meal shared in fellowship.

Location: Bermuda Hundred UMC, 2025 Florence Avenue, Chester

Questions? Call the BHUMC office at 804-530-1391

We hope you will join us as we journey through this sacred season together!





# Family Ministries

## **Children's Ministry News**

### **Wacky Wednesday!**

Bring your kids, grandkids, and neighborhood friends every Wednesday evening from 5:45 to 7:00 pm for dinner, fellowship, fun, and exploration of Bible stories through worship arts. We look forward to seeing you on the playground!

Special Note: Children attending Wacky Wednesday will help lead the worship service on **Sunday, April 27**. We'll be preparing for these events in the coming weeks!

### **Summer Camp at Camp Overlook**

We are planning to send a small group of kids (currently in Kindergarten through 4th grade) to overnight camp at Camp Overlook this summer. If you're interested, please notify Vickie Weber by Sunday, April 13, so we can coordinate registration.

Scholarships are available—please contact Vickie for more details.

## **Youth Ministries News**

### **Youth Bible Study - Every Wednesday, 5:45-7:45 PM**

Youth (grades 6th-12th) are invited to join us for dinner and worship arts (rotation) Dinner at 5:45 p.m., Worship Arts at 6:00, Bible Study at 6:45.

### **Youth Group-**

Join us @ Trinity UMC 6-7:30 pm (4/13)

And join us for a Joint Youth Group with Chester UMC for a Laser Tag/Trampoline Outing (4/27)

For more information or to volunteer with the youth, please contact Vickie Weber at [vjbrynilsen@gmail.com](mailto:vjbrynilsen@gmail.com) or 757-510-1286.



# Family Ministries

## **Youth Ministries News, cont.**

### **Mission Trip Commitments**

Please confirm your youth's participation by Wednesday, April 9.

- Trip #1: TeamEffort Mission Trip - Asheville, NC (June 1-7)
- Trip #2: TriCities Work Camp (June 22-28)
- Camp Overlook: Overnight camp for Elementary through Youth (July 6-11)

To commit, submit completed forms and a \$25 deposit per youth per trip/camp.

Contact Vickie Weber for forms and details.

## **Family Ministry News**

### **Spring Fling & Easter Egg Hunt**

- Date: Saturday, April 12
- Time: 2:00-5:00 pm

Hop on over for our annual Spring celebration featuring carnival games, cake walks, popcorn, vendor booths, age-divided egg hunts, and a special appearance from the Easter Bunny!

### **We Need Your Help:**

- Donations of candy
- Small prizes for games
- Baked goods (store-bought items welcome, especially allergy-friendly options)
- Volunteers for setup, games, prize tables, egg-hiding, and clean-up





### **Dreaming Like Jesus: Turning Hope into Home**

We're excited to share an incredible milestone in our Dreaming Like Jesus mission! As of **March 31**, our Dream Teams have helped four families move into safe, stable apartments or houses. That's nearly **one placement each week**—a beautiful reminder of what's possible when faith and action come together. Through your ongoing prayers, generosity, and support, lives are being transformed. Families who were once in uncertain situations are now stepping into a new chapter, full of dignity, hope, and stability.

Let's keep the momentum going! Whether through financial gifts or praying for this mission, every act of love brings us closer to a community where all can flourish.

*Keep dreaming. Keep serving. Keep loving—like Jesus.*

### **Join 104 Ministries for the First Planting Event of the Season!**

104 Ministries is excited to kick off our first planting event of the year on Saturday, April 5th! We'll be planting four varieties of Irish potatoes, and we need as many hands as possible to make it a success.

This is a wonderful opportunity to have fun, give back, and support local food banks in Dinwiddie, Petersburg, and Prince George with fresh produce. If the weather doesn't cooperate, we'll plan for our rain date on Saturday, April 12th.

We'd love for you to join us! [Sign up here](#) to be part of this meaningful event.

# Melodic Updates

The Music Department of Trinity United  
Methodist Church

Presents

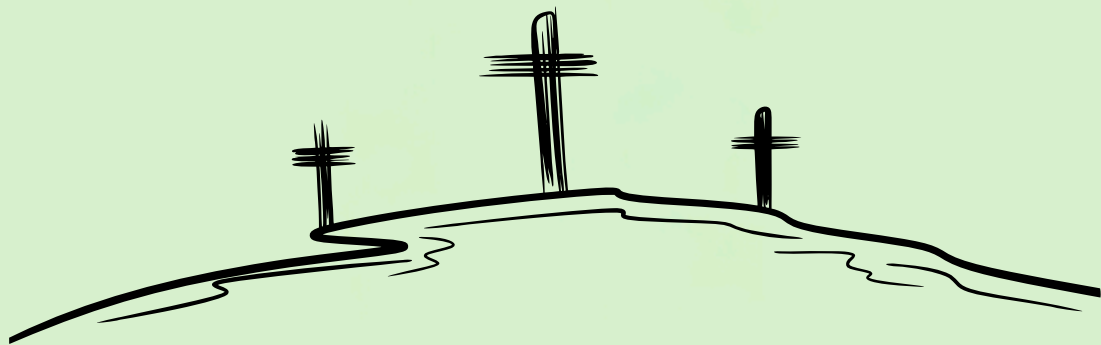
“The Witness”

The story of Jesus' last hours from the betrayal through the  
Crucifixion from the viewpoint of The Witness.

Written and directed by Rachel Allyn

Music by Dengler, Aspinall, Martin, Choplin, Stewart, and  
Hopson

Friday, April 18, at 7:00







## **Exciting Security Update for Our Church Building**

We're happy to share that the Leadership Board is enhancing our building's security to help keep our church a safe and welcoming place for all. Beginning the first week of April, we'll be upgrading from traditional key locks to a modern **electronic entry system** on all exterior doors.

This new system offers more flexibility and convenience! Once the upgrade is complete, your current keys will no longer work. Instead, **building access will be available through three designated entry points**: the kitchen door, the music department door, and the administration door. All three can be accessed with a **Key Fob**, and the administration door will also feature a **keypad** for entry with a personal PIN.

One of the great benefits of this system is that we can **pre-program access** for scheduled events. For example, on Wednesday evenings, the doors can automatically open during designated times for children's ministry, youth activities, and choir practice—no need to manage keys or worry about unlocking the doors!

We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we make this transition. If you need access for a particular project or event, please reach out to **Emilee in the office**. A great time to stop by is during office hours: **Tuesday–Thursday, 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM**.

Thank you for being a part of this positive step forward in caring for our church home!



## **Ways To Give -**

Your bank's Bill-Pay program. You can authorize your bank to send a check each month to Trinity. These services are typically free, and recurring payments can be set up so you can rest assured your tithe is made. Have your gift sent to:

### **Trinity United Methodist Church**

**P. O. Box 2527**

**Chesterfield, VA 23832**

As always, you can mail or place your personal check in the offering plate. However you give, we are grateful for your financial support of Trinity UMC's ministries.



**Please note:** Pastor Alan's scheduled days off are Fridays and Saturdays. He is available Sunday through Thursday for pastoral care and meetings. Please reach out accordingly, respecting his time of rest and rejuvenation.

# April Birthdays

April 3 – Sherri Diven

April 5 – George Kingsley, Rod Scott, Bobby Donovan, Alyssa Sandlin

April 8 – Robin Stariha, Bonnie Donaldson

April 9 – Vickie Beck, Patricia Murdock, Judy Scott, Katie Griffith

April 11 – Joan Taylor

April 14 – Alan Rouze

April 16 – Rachel Sismour

April 17 – Daphne Altice

April 19 – Chase Watson

April 21 – Joseph Kump

April 24 – Brian Leinberger, Maury Beck

April 26 – Anthony Roach

April 30 – Jack Sismour, Jane Costello



*Help us update our information; if your birthday is this month and you are not listed, please notify the office so we won't miss you again!*

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