

THE MESSENGER

Trinity United Methodist Church, Lapeer

April 2021

THE LOBBSTER TALE

Spring is starting to burst out all over. The daffodils and tulips are working their way above ground, the snow has melted away and some of our days are in the upper 60s! Of course, because it is Michigan, some of our days are also in the 40s... but we are used to that. The daylight continues to lengthen which brightens our moods. There is something wonderful about feeling the sunshine on our face and being able to bask in its bright warmth.

Celebrations are also starting to burst out all over! We started with Palm Sunday as we remembered the Triumphant Entrance of Jesus into the city of Jerusalem. This is always the first day of what we Christians refer to as Holy Week. We will continue to remember and celebrate other important events from Church History when we gather on Maundy Thursday for a Communion Worship Service at 7:00 pm. The term Maundy means "commandment" = Jesus commanded his followers to serve on another and partake of communion. We have invited the members of First Presbyterian Church to join us for the Good Friday Service here at 1:00 pm. It is a "good" day because of what Jesus accomplished for us.

And then, to top it all off, we will celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus at 8:45 & 11:00 Worship. There is something special about finding bright colored dresses, shirts and neckties to wear on Easter Sunday. There is something wonderful about being able to remember and celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus and bask in His bright light and love!

All of the worship events will be available on YouTube and Facebook to view from home, or wherever you might find yourself during Holy Week.

Because Jesus lives, we have the chance for new life, abundant life and eternal life. THAT is always worth celebrating!

I will see you in worship, or you will see me on a screen.

Blessings!

Pastor Grant



HAPPY EASTER
FROM THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

Debbie Muldoon and Creg & Ann June



April Showers Bring a Shower of Blessings

Please join us for a “Drive-Thru Baby Shower” to help the Pregnancy Center of Lapeer (PCOL) on Saturday, April 24th from 9 a.m. – noon at Trinity. The Pregnancy Center helps mothers of newborns as well as their children up to 2 years of age. The center gets lots of newborn clothes and supplies, but very few outfits for the siblings. **There is an urgent need for boys and girls clothing sizes 3T & 4T as well as white or cream baby blankets.** (These are given to the mothers when they first become pregnant.) Unlike a traditional Baby Shower, there is no need to wrap the gifts. These items will be placed on racks or shelves at the Pregnancy Center so the moms can enjoy picking out clothes for their children.

If you can join us for the “Drive-Thru Baby Shower”, plan to enter the church parking lot by the north entrance off of M-24. Proceed to the overhang by the east main doors. There will be helpers to collect your gift(s) of clothing, blankets and/or money as you drive through. Please plan to stay in your car.

If you are unable to join us on Apr. 24, a tub will be in the lobby starting Apr. 11 to collect clothing and blankets. If you would like to make a cash donation, please make your check out to the church and make a note that it is for the Pregnancy Center. Please have all gifts and money to the church by Apr. 24.

We look forward to seeing you at the “Drive-Thru Baby Shower” so we can shower moms in Lapeer with blessings. If you have any questions, please contact Pam Siivola at 678-2147.

(This event will take the place of the baby bottle campaign which helps the Pregnancy Center)



These are times like we haven't experienced before, and has put a damper on all that was planned from last year and going forward. However, we must think positive and plan for the future. We haven't been able to have a full greeting card rack out because of COVID, but did take in \$25 for our Valentine cards. Our Easter cards are available now, and we hope to have the full rack soon!

The Executive Board met several times putting together 16 Easter treats for our Shut-ins. It was fun just being together and doing something special to make those senior members happy.

The Executive Board also met in February and tentatively planned the following activities: In July we hope to have a picnic: August, a Trunk & Treasure Sale in the church parking lot (more on that later)..... In the Fall, a visit from our missionaries Mark & Barb Foran and **update on their Africa** involvement, a fun Painting time and an Auction. It is our real hope that **All** the women of our church can find something of interest we have planned.



Holy Week Schedule

The following services will be in-person and live-streamed:

March 28th, Palm Sunday at 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

April 1st, Maundy Thursday Communion Service at 7:00 p.m.

Rev. 3:14-21 "Are You Lukewarm?"

April 2nd, Good Friday Service here at 1:00 p.m. with First Presbyterian Church

April 4th, Easter Celebrations at 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.



Health Ministries

After one year of pandemic limits, many of us have driven very little. Driving is like any other skill; when not practiced it gets rusty. This month's AARP Magazine has an excellent flow sheet that asks important questions about our ability to drive safely. The sheet is posted on the bulletin board on the lower level next to the library and copies are provided to take.

One of the most loving gifts a person can give to their family and community is the admission that their driving is no longer safe. It is exhausting for a driver to have to cover up mistakes and near misses, make excuses for small damages to a vehicle and feel anxious when getting behind the wheel. A better use of energy is to pray and make a plan for maintaining independence when deciding to release the privilege of driving.

For most of us this decision is not easy and involves sadness, even grief, and isn't made in just one day. Making a plan and seeing the decision as a transition to a new way of doing things can help. Consider:

1. How many family members and friends would be willing and able to drive for you?
2. Could the GLTA bus or other public transportation help?
3. Would you be able to employ someone once a week to drive you to shopping and errands?
4. Do you qualify for transportation services from Veterans Administration, Health Insurers or other organizations?

If you know you are a person who should be considering and preparing for a change in driving status, ask the Lord to give you help, grace and guidance. Remember, he cares for ALL our needs.

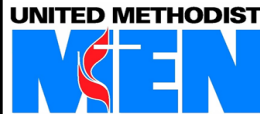


CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

- 04/01 Cathy Zeeman
- 04/01 Gerald Gross
- 04/03 Jane Reed
- 04/04 Jerry Dawley
- 04/04 Steve Shelton
- 04/05 Mark Baldridge
- 04/05 Terri Huether
- 04/06 Rusty Bashore
- 04/06 Sherry Wilcox
- 04/08 Maria Wilson
- 04/09 Angelica Simonds
- 04/10 Jan Honsinger
- 04/10 Janet Jones
- 04/11 Shelby Rasnick
- 04/11 Marissa Smith
- 04/15 Kathy Dawley
- 04/15 Phyllis Pike
- 04/15 Hadley Rasnick
- 04/17 Mary Lou Archer
- 04/18 Mike Schlusler
- 04/20 Jim Slater
- 04/21 Carolyn Starking
- 04/22 Mike Nolan
- 04/23 Shirley Buckalew
- 04/23 Carrie Dryer
- 04/23 Derek Morey
- 04/23 Breana Nolan
- 04/24 Char Williams
- 04/27 Calyssa Smith
- 04/28 Karen Rapson
- 04/29 Bob Huether
- 4/29 Ella McCreedy

CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

- 04/02 Gary & Carol Jones
- 04/07 Mike & Jan Honsinger
- 04/13 Bob & Beth Exelby
- 04/13 Tom Rapley & Ree Arn-Rapley
- 04/15 Dyle & Oahn Thu Henning
- 04/26 Rusty & Ann Bashore
- 04/27 Colleen & Ron Miller



We will be meeting on Monday, April 5th at Leo's Restaurant at 6:30 p.m.

Come and enjoy food and fellowship and no dishes to wash!

Our speakers on the 5th will be Mark and Carrie Nelson who will share with us their new ministry—Kairos Farm located in Metamora.

Mark started the Kensington Church and after 30 years has retired from that ministry. This new ministry will be a retreat center to nourish people body, mind, and spirit.


Mark grew up attending Trinity and is the son of Ken Nelson.

While we are in RECOVERY stage of men's activities, we invite all men to come out and offer their ideas for the future. In order to get the private room, we need a head count. Please sign on the sheet on the Welcome Table in the Lobby!

April 2021

Office Hours Monday thru Thursday 9 - 3 p.m.

Preaching Schedule: 4, 18, 25 — Rev. Grant R. Lobb
 April 11—Steve Waun

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 EASTER 8:45a & 11a Worship 10:00a Sunday School	5 9:00a UMW Exec Meeting 10:00a Pantry Activities 4:00p Food for Families 6:00p MOPS Bible Study 6:30p UM Men Dinner @ Leo's Restaurant	6 6:00p SPRC Meeting 6:30p Bell Quartet	 7 9:30a Wed AM Bible Study 1:00p UMW Card Recycling 6:00p Exaltation Practice	1 MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:00p Maundy Thursday Service 7:30p 20 Somethings	2 GOOD FRIDAY 10:00a TUMC Quilters 1:00p Good Friday Service @ TUMC	3
11 8:45a & 11a Worship 10:00a Sunday School 12:00p Youth Group	12 10:00a Pantry Activities 4:00p Food for Families 6:00p MOPS Bible Study	13 6:00p Trustee Meeting 6:30p Bell Quartet	14 9:30a Wed AM Bible Study 1:00p UMW Card Recycling 6:00p Exaltation Practice	15 7:30p 20 Somethings	16 10:00a TUMC Quilters	17
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