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# TRENTON FIRST UMC

## SPRING 2017

MARCH-APRIL



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## Ways to Participate Beyond Worship:

Worship Services begin at 10am every Sunday.

Communion is served first Sunday of the month

Nursery Care is available.

Would you like to continue the experience of Advent beyond our 10am worship service? Now you can!

Be sure to follow our church on our social media platforms to keep up!



### Church Phone Directory

If you did not receive one and would like a copy, please contact Ramona at the church. [trenton-fumc@gmail.com](mailto:trenton-fumc@gmail.com) or 734-676-2066

- [Facebook: @FUMCTrenton](#)
- [Twitter: @FUMCTrenton](#)
- [YouTube: @FirstChurchTrenton](#)
- [Instagram: @FUMCTrenton](#)
- Take a picture of something that reminds you of advent and share it on your favorite social media site (be sure to tag our church)
- You could contact the church office and help prepare the sanctuary for worship each Sunday
- You can share an invitation to worship, study, or the chili cook-off with a friend!
- Volunteer to be a part of the Advent video project by contacting our church office.



Greetings Church!

Today is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent 2107. We have just completed our week of hosting the Christ Net Homeless Shelter for the week of February 19-26th. The week went smoothly and was a big success, due in large part to our co-coordinators Judy Howells and Joe and Paulette Wilson and Dorothy Gordon, and also to Karen Roberts who was here every morning to supervise breakfast, and clean up after our guests once they had left for the day. Judy spent most of every evening here at the church as our onsite coordinator and volunteer supervisor, helping to maintain discipline and proper procedure and pass on a whole lot of love in the process..

We are very grateful to Tim Whalen who supervised the showers every evening from 6-10 p.m., and to Ira Nebauer for setting up our shower in the basement, and helping with the one bathroom disaster zone incident. Tim kept that going smoothly after our initial Sunday night of cold showers!

Thank you very much to the overnight hosts from our church who helped out including: Ruth Ann Brewer, Dorothy Gordon, Ruth Kasenow, Pat McCall, Brace and Carol Pentoney, Jim Reinker, Todd Southers, Paulette Wilson and Kevin Hyder (who with his wife Lisa is planning to join our church soon!)

We also want to thank everyone who contributed food for meals or snacks, and who helped with laundry for the week- either for residents or for bedding. The Exchange Club did the meal on Wednesday with their head chef Paulette, so a lot of church folks were in evidence for that meal including: Ruth Ann Brewer, Ruth Kasenow, Jim and Caroline Leedy, Ira and Melda Nebauer, Todd Southers, George and Joyce Brown (who are members of Faith UMC, but who worship here from time to time.) Of course, Joe Wilson was also on deck along with a few others I probably neglected to mention.

I can't forget to thank Todd Southers for being our dishwasher every night. I heard someone say

that Todd was the happiest dishwasher he or she had ever seen! Personally, I saw all our volunteers from our church and the other churches doing a good job of trying to serve our homeless guests with a smile and some Christian love and lots of hospitality!

I want to also want to thank our partner churches. St. Joseph's Catholic Church provided the meals and overnight hosts for Sunday and Monday. On Tuesday the Eastern Star with some Rainbow girls prepared and served the meal. The Soroptamists Club (sp?) took care of Thursday evening's meal, while our church provided overnight hosts for Tues-Thurs. We had St. Timothy's Catholic Church provided Friday's meals and hosts while St. Philip's Lutheran Church made our last dinner on Saturday night for our guests and provided most of the hosts

My husband Jim and I were around for most breakfasts and all the dinners to be able to interact with our guests. I did informal worship for them in the fellowship hall on Wednesday and Saturday evenings where I was pleased to have some of our guests asking questions and sharing their own witness with each other! I also showed a few religious movies and a couple secular movies to our guests for their entertainment and enlightenment.

What broke my heart this past week was having an elderly black woman show up on Saturday night with a broken arm and all her possessions in a black garbage bag. This should not be!! You may be surprised to know that some of the guests I talked to had a strong Christian faith-- especially that last woman I just mentioned who had been hit by a car while walking alongside the road. It was our privilege to be able to serve some of our brothers and sisters in Christ this past week, as well as others of God's children who have not yet come to know the Son Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

As you contemplate a Lenten discipline for yourself this year, I invite you to ask the Holy Spirit to guide you as far as what habit or practice you should give up AND what holy habit or holy gift you should give to honor our Lord Jesus. See what God brings to your mind. Lent is a season of repentance- of reflection on just what we need to do to be able to follow our Savior more faithfully and fully. What in your life is interfering with your desire or ability to get more serious about your relationship with God and his Son?

As your pastor, I invite you all to read through at least one gospel during Lent. I am close to completing my first reading of the New Testament for the year, and I invite you to immerse yourself in God's word too.

With love in Christ and with gratitude to you for all you've done on behalf of our church and the homeless! And a very big thank you to Ira Nebauer and Brace Pentoney for all their work yesterday in installing a new system in the parsonage basement to prevent further water problems!!

Pastor Heidi





# AROUND THE CHURCH

## ADULT EDUCATION

### **FINAL WORDS FROM THE CROSS—ADAM HAMILTON- OUR LENTEN STUDY**

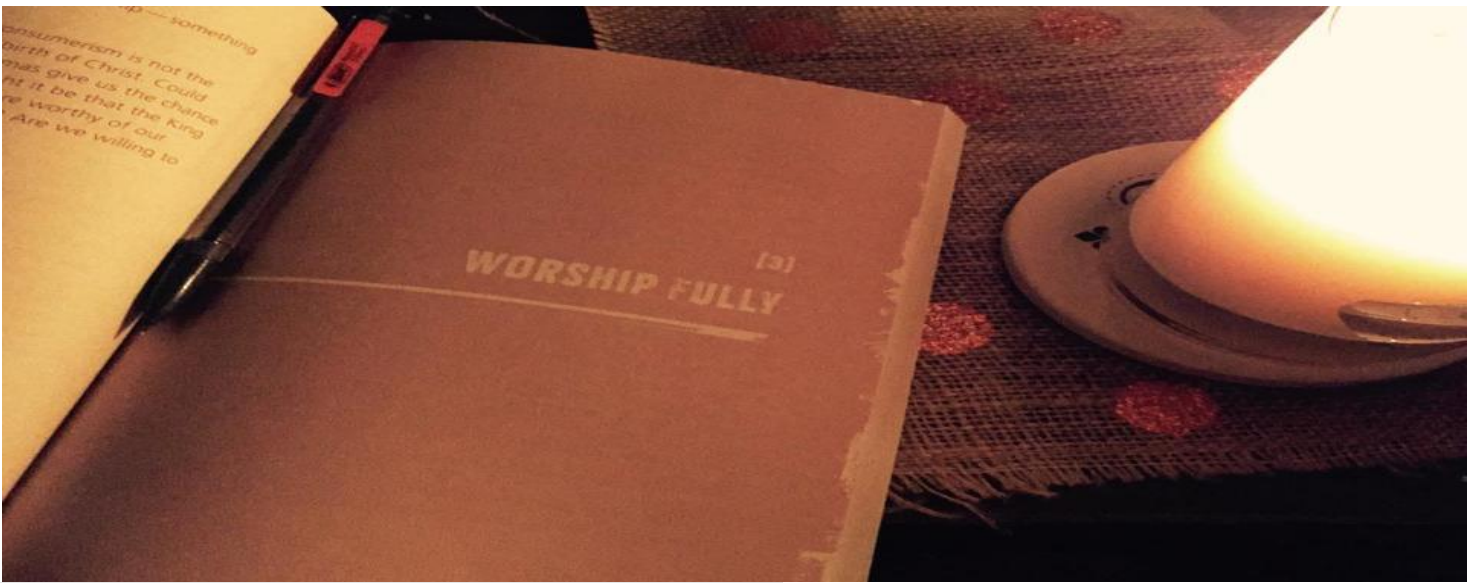
Our Lenten study will begin on Wednesday, March 8th at 7pm , and will be on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. through April 5th (unless we finish early..) The book explores Jesus' final words from the cross. Each chapter includes the biblical account followed by a story written from the viewpoint of a witness at the cross. Pastor Heidi has ordered an extra book if you want to join the study, and did not already order yours.

### **SUNDAY DISCUSSION GROUP**

We gather after worship to look at the scriptures from worship that week to dig deeper into their meaning and how they connect to our lives as disciples. We gather in the meeting room after folks have gotten a chance to grab a few refreshments .

### **ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

We gather Tuesdays from 1- 2 p.m. or so to study the scriptures together with Pastor Heidi. We read sections of the scriptures and then discuss them, so there is no homework, and you can jump in and join us anytime. So just bring your Bible and join us in the meeting room for this study. All are invited to attend. Bring your suggestions.



## DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**

Start Lent by joining us for worship on **March 1 at 7 p.m.** There will be an optional imposition of ashes.

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY & GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES-**

These services will not be like our typical Sunday service, but are designed to help immerse us in the Gospel story and prepare us, at the very end of Lent, for Easter. On Thursday, April 13, we will celebrate Holy Communion. On Friday, April 14, we will contemplate the events of Christ's passion. Both services will begin at 7 p.m.

### **SOUP KITCHEN**

We will be hosting the soup kitchen on March 18th. This is a ministry where we serve those who are hungry, providing nourishment for body and soul. We provide a hot meal, with side dishes and dessert. We also provided sack lunches for folks to take with them. We are looking for servant leaders to cook the food, give their time, assist with preparing sack lunches, and share the love of Christ with folks at the soup kitchen. Preparation begins at 9:30am and lunch ends at 1pm. If you would like to participate in this ministry, you can call the church office (734) 676-2066 or sign-up in the Lounge.

### **Breakfast & Devotions at Mom's Restaurant**

If you're looking for a way to start the week with good food, and great company, and a brief devotional, then come join us at Mom's Diner on the first and third Monday's **at 8 a.m.** Check the calendar for any possible changes. We always gather in the back room of the restaurant.



"Instead of giving something up for Lent, the Church Council is asking you to give something to a good and worthy cause." This program has been so successful for the past few years.

**SUN., MARCH 5 —1ST SUNDAY IN LENT**

**SPECIAL (MONETARY) COLLECTION FOR CHURCH'S CHRISTNET EXPENSES**

**SUN., MAR. 12 - 2ND SUNDAY IN LENT**

**ST. PHILIP LUTHERAN FOOD PANTRY**

Non-Perishable Packaged and Canned Goods: Meat Products, Vegetables, Soups, etc.

**SUN., MAR. 19- 3RD SUNDAY IN LENT**

**ROCKWOOD MEN'S HOME**

Hygiene Items (except razors) - deodorant, toothpaste, tooth brushes, etc. Towels,  
Wash Cloths, Dish Towels

**SUN., MAR. 26 - 4TH SUNDAY IN LENT**

**SOUP KITCHEN**

Special (Monetary) Collection for our Soup Kitchen

**SUN., APRIL 2 - 5TH SUNDAY IN LENT**

**FIRST STEP (FOR SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL ABUSE)**

Baby -Toddler Products: Lotion, Wipes, Diapers, Powder, etc.. Personal Hygiene Items:  
Toothpaste, Tooth Brushes, Shampoo, Soap, etc.

**SUN., APRIL 9- PALM SUNDAY**

**CHRISTNET DAYTIME CENTER**

Paper Dinner Plates, 6 oz. Coffee Cups, Ground Coffee (Regular & Decaf), Napkins





# CHURCH CELEBRATIONS

## BIRTHDAYS

### MARCH

**03/07** - Brienna Haack

**03/09** - Donna Haack

- Brian Voss

**03/10** - Carol Mans

- Wayne Nowland

**03/21** - Ben Lash

**03/23** - Lily Davis

**03/24** - Parker Roberts

**03/25** - Paulette Wilson

**03/30** - Janis Sash

**03/31** - Lillian Treadwell

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### APRIL

**4/1** - Lisa Neubauer

**4/6** - Patricia Roberts

**4/8** - Mary Jane Dye

**4/9** - Robert Lambert

**4/10** - Ira Neubauer

**4/11** - Bradley Wynn

Anthony Voss

**4/13** - Jacqueline DePalma

**4/16** - Donald Batson

**4/21** - Nola Ward

**4/25** - Jeffery Peck

Maj Nathaniel Davis



## ANNIVERSARIES

### MARCH

**03/04** - Wayne & Theresa Nowland (40 yrs)

**03/22** - Steven & Christina Voss (20 yrs)

**03/24** - Jim & Caroline Leedy (61 years)

### April

**04/20**— Robert & Jo Kampschoer (30 years)

## FLOWERS

### MARCH

**03/05**— Norman & Nina Barnsdale

**03/12** - Ruth Ann Brewer

**03/19** - Open

**03/26** - open

### April

**04/02** - Ruth Kasenow

**04/9** — Ruth Ann Brewer

Palms— Scott & Linda Radcliffe

**04/16- Easter Sunday**

**04/23** - Barb Wertz

**04/30**— Norman & Nina Barnsdale

**To order flowers for the altar and/or organ:**  
Sign-up by date on the “Flowers Chart” near the office, or contact the Flower Chair of the Month.

March: Dorothy Gordon 734-676-3359

April: Dorothy Gordon 734-676-3359

## PRAYER CHAIN

If you want to add a name to the prayer chain, you may call Dorothy Gordon, 734-676-3359, or our office administrator at 734-676-2066

## COFFEE HOUR HOST/ESS

### MARCH

**05**— Cheryl Byrd

**12**-Karen Roberts

**19**-Betty Lozo

**\*26** - Judy Howells

### APRIL

**02** - Melda Neubuer

**09**- Bette Miller

**16** - Cheryl Byrd

**23**- Karen Roberts

**\*30**-Betty Lozo

\* Birthday Sunday -  
Primary persons serve on a rotating basis. Each server is responsible for her own replacement.



# APPLYING BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES

Money is a neutral commodity, a means of exchange. It is neither inherently good nor evil. But a wrong view of money can become a problem to us.

In 1 Timothy 6:9-10, Scripture warns about the dangers of a determination to get rich: "But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and are caught in the trap of many foolish and harmful desires, which pull them down to ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a source of all kinds of evil. Some have been so eager to have it that they have wandered away from the faith and have broken their hearts with many sorrows."

When we have a consuming desire to get rich, when we are obsessed with money so that it becomes the focus of our time and attention, then we have made it the number one priority in our lives. In that spot, it replaces everything, including God. We begin to find our security in money, not in God and in God alone.

However, when our view of God is right and our view of money is right, we will realize that money cannot buy security; money cannot purchase happiness; money cannot guarantee peace or joy or contentment. God alone can provide these essentials as we are " . . . concerned above everything else with the Kingdom of God and with what he requires."

In his book, *The Gift of Giving*, Wayne Watts said this: "God always lovingly instructs us in the path that is in our best interest and which will bring us the greatest happiness in life. Therefore, for our good, He instructs us to put Him first in all things, and this includes how we use our money."

How do you view money? Is it at the center of your life, thereby perhaps replacing God's rightful role? And equally important, are you using the money God has given to you to advance His kingdom and His righteousness?

A brief recap of 2016 financially. We paid 100% of our pastor's pension, and 47% of our regular conference apportionments that go to support the general ministry of the United Methodist Church. We need to improve this for 2017. All our local expenses were paid in full thanks to your financial support and generous giving!

Again , we thank you for your gifts of time, talents, skills, and financial giving that help make the First United Methodist Church a vital part of this community.

Blessings,

Cheryl Byrd, Finance Chairman  
Ira Neubauer, Treasurer



### **SWISS STEAK DINNER**

Wyandotte First UMC, Every second Friday.

Serving 5-6:30 p.m.

72 Oak, Wyandotte

734-282-9222

Adults \$10; Children 10 & under - \$6

### **CHICKEN SUPPER**

Willow United Methodist Church

36925 Willow Rd

New Boston, MI 48164

734-654-9020

5:00 pm until sold out

### **ROAST BEEF DINNERS**

Flat Rock UMC Every third Wednesday.

Serving 4-7 p.m.

28400 Evergreen, Flat Rock

734-782-2565

\$8- Dine In; \$4.50 Children 10 and Under

\$8.50-Carry out

Adults \$10.00;

Children 12 & under \$5.00

Every second Wednesday from  
March-May & September-November

# IN OUR COMMUNITY CONTINUED



## Utica UMC

8650 Canal Rd, Sterling Heights, MI 48314

(586) 731-7667

**March 4, 2017**

**11:00 - 2:00 p.m.**

It will be exciting! **Don't miss this event!**

Rev. Faith Fowler, Rev. Tom Robinson and others will share their vision of mission. Projects to be discussed include:

Mid Michigan Distribution Center, Brightmoor,

Parish Director God's Country, Community Service Mission, Motown Mission, Haiti Jeremiah Project.

If you want to ride with Pastor Heidi, let me know!

**The United Methodist Women of Utica will provide lunch (donation).**

Need more information? Contact:

Laura Niemi [laurajeanniemi@yahoo.com](mailto:laurajeanniemi@yahoo.com)

or Pastor Suanne [pastorsuew@yahoo.com](mailto:pastorsuew@yahoo.com).



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**LUNCHING FOR THE HOMELESS**  
to benefit

**CHRISTNET SERVICES**

**Date: Saturday, March 18th, 2017**

**Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

**Location: Carrabba's Italian Grill**

14805 Dix-Toledo Rd

Southgate, MI 48195

Menu: Chicken Marsala, Penne Pomodoro, Soup or Salad, Bread, and softdrink.  
(carry out is available)

**Cost: \$ 20.00 Adult\$**

**\$ 5.00 for children 5-10 years old**

**(Children 4 and under - free)**

Tickets **must** be purchased in advance., by  
contacting Judy Howells or calling

Linda Dickman 734-675-0893

Please return the bottom portion of the flyer found on the piano to a ChristNet representative on or before **Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017** along with your payment



# IN OUR COMMUNITY CONTINUED



## ChristNet

Sunday, February 26 was the last day for The ChristNet Homeless shelter at our church. Thank you to all who lent their time, finances, supplies and prayers to this ministry! Your support was much appreciated by our guests and volunteer staff.



## St. Philip's Food Pantry

Throughout March and April our church is responsible for staffing at

St. Phillips Lutheran Church at 1790 Fort St, Trenton, MI

on Wednesdays, from 10:00 am—2:00 pm

Please sign up to volunteer on the sheet found on the grand piano

In the fellowship hall.

**The food pantry is in need of canned fruit, cereal and peanut butter.**

## Special Founders Day Celebration

Sunday, March 19, 2017

10:00 am

Faith United Methodist Church

2530 Charlton Road

Trenton, MI 48183

Dear Rev. Heidi C. Reinker and the Members of First United Methodist Church of Trenton, It has been almost sixty years since Faith (United) Methodist Church first opened its doors in Trenton, Michigan. We have weathered the storms of growth and change, and enjoyed the calm waters of harmony and blessings as children of God; while clinging to the power of Faith for which our church was so aptly named. Without the support and prayers of the original Methodist Church of Trenton, however, Faith Church would never have opened. Your wonderful church and congregation were there at the very beginning, and you prayed for us and supported us without hesitation.

In order to celebrate the wonderful heritage given us by First UMC and the charter members and founders of Faith UMC; we invite you to a special Founders Day Celebration on Sunday, March 2017 at 10 a.m. at Faith Church, followed by a reception in Compton Hall.

If you are able to attend, please contact Chris Kane at [bkane2807@comcast.net](mailto:bkane2807@comcast.net) or 734-676-0121 and leave a message if you would like to attend.

In Jesus' name,

Rev. Dr. Douglas Ralston

**Note from Pastor Heidi- Please just contact Faith UMC directly if you plan on attending since they want to have an appropriate amount of refreshments available. Thank you.**

# March 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> <b>7pm Ash</b> <b>Wednesday</b> <b>Praise Band 6 pm</b>	<b>2</b> No Practice	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5 1 Lent</b> 10 am worship Ser-vice Adult Discussion Group	<b>6</b> 7:30 pm Trustee Meeting Boy Scout Meeting 7 pm	<b>7</b> 9 am-3 pm Pastor Heidi office hours 1 pm Bible Study	<b>8</b> 9 am—1 pm Pastor Heidi office hours <b>7 pm Lenten Study</b>	<b>9</b> 7 pm Choir 8 pm Praise band	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12 2 Lent</b> 10 am worship Ser-vice Adult Discussion Group	<b>13</b> 8 am Breakfast & devotion	<b>14</b> 9 am-3 pm Pastor Heidi office hours 1 pm Bible Study	<b>15</b> 9 am—1 pm Pastor Heidi office hours <b>7 pm Lenten Study</b>	<b>16</b> 7 pm Choir 8 pm Praise band	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 9:30 am Soup Kitchen
<b>19 3 Lent</b> 10 am worship Ser-vice Adult Discussion Group	<b>20</b> 7 pm Church Council meeting	<b>21</b> 9 am-3 pm Pastor Heidi office hours 1 pm Bible Study	<b>22</b> 9 am—1 pm Pastor Heidi office hours <b>7 pm Lenten Study</b>	<b>23</b> 7 pm Choir 8 pm Praise band	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26 4 Lent</b> 10 am worship Ser-vice Adult Discussion Group	<b>27</b> 8 am Breakfast & devotion	<b>28</b> 9 am-3 pm Pastor Heidi office hours 1 pm Bible Study	<b>29</b> 9 am—1 pm Pastor Heidi office hours <b>7 pm Lenten Study</b>	<b>30</b> 7 pm Choir 8 pm Praise band	<b>31</b>	

# April 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 <b>5 Lent</b> 10 am worship Service Adult Discussion Group	3	4 9 am-3 pm Pastor Heidi office hours 1 pm Bible Study	5 9 am—1 pm Pastor Heidi office hours 7 pm Lenten Study	6 7 pm Choir 8 pm Praise band	7	8
9 <b>Palm Sunday</b> 10 am worship Service Adult Discussion Group	10 8 am Breakfast & devotion	11 9 am-3 pm Pastor Heidi office hours 1 pm Bible Study	12 9 am—1 pm Pastor Heidi office hours	13 7 pm <b>Maundy Thursday</b>	14 7 pm <b>Good Friday</b>	15
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