



## First United Methodist Church of Trenton

A family of God, through the love of Jesus Christ:  
**Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Embracing Everyone!**



**Welcome,** we are glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. We would like you to know that:

- Nursery services are available upon request. The nursery is located on the second floor.
- An asterisk (\*) located before an event means that we invite you to rise in body or in spirit.
- You are invited to join us for refreshments in the lounge after the service.
- The pastor is available to meet with you to answer any questions or address any concerns about the church you might have, and for pastoral counseling or conversation, and visits.
- We hope to see you again!

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 31

10:00 am

### Words of Reflection

"In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents." Luke 15: 10 NIV

**Words of Welcome/Announcements:**

Pastor Heidi Reinker

**Birthday Liturgy:** To honor our members with birthdays in March

**Leader:** Life is a precious gift from God, our Creator and Sustainer.

**People:** **Thank you, God, for life.**

**Leader:** We give thanks to God for those people whose birthdays are in March.

**People:** **We are grateful for these special people, and pray for God's blessing to be upon them.**

**Leader:** Each person who is a part of this community of faith brings varied gifts that enrich our lives together.

**People:** **May we always be open to seeing God's image in one another, and using the gifts He has given us in his service. Amen.**

**Prelude**

Organist/pianist Jeff Burke

**Call to Worship: Responsive Reading of Psalm 32 p. 766**

**Leader:** Blessed are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

**People:** **Blessed are those whom the Lord does not hold guilty, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

**Leader:** When I did not declare my sin, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

**People:** **For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

**Leader:** I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity;

**People:** **I said, " I will confess my transgressions to the Lord; then you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

**Leader:** Therefore let those who are godly offer prayer to you;

**People:** **at a time of distress, the rush of great waters shall not reach them.**

**Leader:** You are a hiding place for me, you preserve me from trouble; you encompass me with deliverance.

**People:** **I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.**

Leader: Do not be like an unruly horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with a bit and bridle.

**People: Many are the pangs of the wicked; but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.**

Leader: Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous;

**All: shout for joy, all you upright in heart!**

**\*Opening Hymn** "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" # 66

### Opening Prayer

**The Sacrament of Holy Baptism— See the screen or p. 39**

**Logan Cruz Gretskey**

**son of Jon and Angela Gretskey**

**Hymn** "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise" # 611

**Gospel Lesson:** Luke 15: 1-10

Response to the Gospel Lesson

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God, for which people say:

**People: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

### **\*Prayers of the People**

What joys or concerns do you want to take to God in prayer?

Do you have a story to share as to how God has worked in your life recently?

### **Pastoral Prayer leading into the Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**The Gospel Lesson:** Luke 15: 11-31

**\*Hymn** "He Touched Me" # 367

**Sermon** "The God Who Searches For Us" Rev. Heidi Reinker

**\*Hymn** "Amazing Grace" # 378

**Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings**

**Offering Prayer**

**Special Music** "God Claims You" # 2249

The choir

**Offertory**

**\*Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

# 95

**\*Benediction**

It is our tradition to form a circle around the perimeter of the church after the benediction to sing "Peace on Earth" while holding hands. If you are uncomfortable with this, you may proceed directly to the fellowship hall for refreshments!

**Closing Hymn**

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

# 431

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;  
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.  
With God our Creator, children all are we.  
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.  
Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.  
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:  
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

**\*Postlude**

Everyone is invited to the fellowship hall for refreshments and a time of fellowship.

**Altar Flowers:**

**Coffee Hour:** Melda Neubauer

**Liturgist:** Lynn Lash

**Greeters:** Maureen Burr & Faith Cookson

**Liturgical Resources:**

**Call to Worship-**

**Opening Prayer-**

## In Our Thoughts and Prayers...

### Those who are hospitalized:

#### Those who are home:

- Debbie Moffitt Botta –Greg Moffitt
- Cahalan Family– Paulette Wilson
- Kathy Callicoat
- Robb Clarkson-Lee & Jan Wynn Cousin
- Don Dameron-Lee & Jan Wynn brother-in-law
- Jo Kampschoer
- Ruth Kasenow
- Sherry Lang-Kathy Myers
- Steve – Tom Brown
- Betty Lozo
- Pat Menatac
- Stan Miller
- Kathy Myers
- Alex Nicol– Ruth Ann Brewer
- Kim Noel– Jackie Hull
- Morris Prater– Father of Tom Prater
- Shannon Prater-Lee and Jan Wynn's daughter
- Ryan Randazzo– Stan Miller grandson
- Wilfred St. Amour– Kathy Myers's brother-in-law
- Janet Wolfe-Ruth Kasenow's daughter
- Jeff Wynn– Lee and Jan Wynn son
- Lee Wynn

### Those serving our country:

- *Sergeant Bradley Cookson* (Army) - grandson of Faith Cookson
- *Lieutenant Colonel Nathaniel Davis* (Army, New York)
- *CPT Charles Dvorak* (Army) - brother of Emily Neubauer

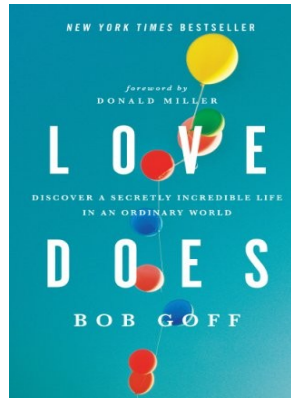
## Trenton First UMC Announcements

### Breakfast & Devotion

If you're looking for a way to start the week with good food, great company and a brief devotion, then come join us at the diner.

The next breakfast will be  
**Monday, April 1st at 8 am**

Mom's Restaurant,  
2691 Fort St, Trenton



Our Lenten Study  
will be  
Bob Goff's book

**Love Does: Discover a  
Secretly Incredible Life  
in an  
Ordinary World.**

Our last Lenten study will be on  
Wednesday April 10th at 7 pm



**Adult Bible Study**  
We are starting our  
study of 1 Peter on April  
2nd.

Join us Tuesdays at 1 pm in the lounge.

Newcomers are always welcome  
to jump in and join us anytime!



### St. Philip's Food Pantry

Throughout April our  
church is responsible for  
staffing at

St. Phillips Lutheran Church  
at 1790 Fort St, Trenton, MI on  
**Wednesdays from 11:00 am—2:00 pm**

There is a sign up sheet for volunteers on the  
piano in the lounge.



### Methodiners

Tonight at 6 pm

Taza Fresh Grill Restaurant.  
16185 Dix-Toledo Southgate, MI

## Trenton First UMC and Community Announcements Continued

# March



**03/07** - Brienna Haack  
**03/09**—Donna Haack  
 Brian Voss  
**03/10**—Carol Mans  
 Wayne Nowland  
**03/17** - Betty Miller  
**03/21**- Ben Lash  
**03/23** - Lily Davis  
**03/24**—Parker Roberts  
**03/25**- Paulette Wilson  
**03/29** - Diane Hiddleson



### Holy Week Worship

Maundy Thursday: 4/18 at 7:00 pm  
 Good Friday: 4/19 at 7:00 pm  
 Easter Sunrise: 4/21 at 7:00 am  
 Easter Morning: 4/21 at 10 am

### Lenten Special Offerings

Each week in Lent we are challenged to give to a mission project or organization that does work in our community. This year the schedule is as follows:

#### Sun., March 31- 4th Sunday in Lent

**Soup Kitchen**

Special (Monetary) Collection for our Soup Kitchen

#### Sun., April 7- 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 14- Palm Sunday

**ChristNet Daytime Center**

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



### Easter Flowers

If you want to order Easter flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one, please fill out the form enclosed, and return it, **Today is the last day to order.**

Your information will be printed in the Easter bulletin.

You may pick up your flowers after the Easter service, or leave them to decorate the church for the next several weeks. Extra forms are in the lounge.

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### March

**Sunday: 3/31:** Fourth Sunday of Lent: Logan Gretsky baptism  
6 pm Methodiners at Taza Fresh Grill in Southgate

### April

**Monday: 4/01:** 8 am breakfast and devotions at Mom's Restaurant

**Tuesday: 4/02:** 1 pm Bible study on First Peter begins

**Thursday: 4/04:** 7 pm Choir; 8 pm Praise Band

**Sunday: 4/07:** Fifth Sunday of Lent worship

**Tuesday: 4/09:** 1 pm Bible study on First Peter

**Wednesday: 4/10:** 7 pm Lenten Study- "Love Does" at 7 pm

**Thursday: 4/11:** 7 pm Choir; 8 pm Praise Band

**Sunday: 4/14:** Palm/Passion Sunday worship

**Monday: 4/15:** 8 am breakfast and devotions at Mom's Restaurant

**Tuesday: 4/16:** 1 pm Bible study on First Peter

**Thursday: 4/18:** 7 pm Maundy Thursday worship in lounge

**Friday: 4/19:** 7 pm Good Friday worship in sanctuary

**Sunday: 4/21:** 7 am Easter sunrise service at Rotary Park  
10 am Easter Celebration here with an Easter Egg hunt for children



Using the QR Code at right



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

**The people of The United Methodist Church™**