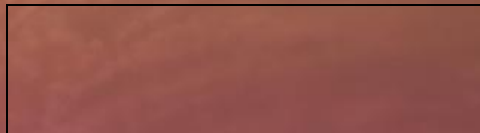


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The background of the flyer features a silhouette of three crosses on a hill against a sunset sky with warm orange and red tones. The crosses are of varying heights, with the central one being the tallest.

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Ways to Participate Beyond Worship:

We worship at 10 a.m. every Sunday, with a coffee hour following.

Communion is served on the first Sunday of the month, and is available upon request to our homebound members.

Nursery Care is available upon request.



If you have an idea for a ministry or a group that you would like the church to be involved in, please speak to Pastor Heidi, and we'll see what we can do to make it happen.

Invite someone to worship or Bible study with you, and offer to pick them up.

If haven't seen someone in worship lately, give them a call or send a card.

Invite a neighbor for coffee and offer to pray with them.

Volunteer for a committee.

Help generate some content for our church's social media platforms:

- [Facebook: @FUMCTrenton](https://www.facebook.com/FUMCTrenton)
- [YouTube: @FirstChurchTrenton](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFirstChurchTrenton)
- [Instagram: @FUMCTrenton](https://www.instagram.com/FUMCTrenton)

Please pray for our church and its people and ministry, and pastor! Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide our nation and its leaders. Pray for the sick, the hungry, the homeless, the refugees, the persecuted Church, those in prison and hospitals and nursing homes, folks struggling with addictions, etc.

I ask you to keep the Pentoney family in your prayers, especially Olivia. She was taken against her will to some out-of-state institution, and has been out of Trenton schools since December 19, with her father Kevin and grandfather Brace not being informed as to her whereabouts. Pray for justice and freedom and safety and strength for Olivia and Sydney and for the Pentoney family.



Greetings Church!

March 21, 2019

I forgot all about doing a newsletter earlier this year as I have been busy with other things, so my apologies for not getting one out earlier in Lent. I'll start with the sad news first. As many of you know, we lost Ruth Ann's beloved daughter Sandi Brewer to death, and I officiated at her funeral on February 16th. And our beloved long-time member Joe Wilson died this past Thursday, March 14th, and we will celebrate his life and faith this Saturday at 11 a.m. at the church. Paulette will be here to greet folks at 10 a.m., and light refreshments will be served afterwards. Please keep their families in your prayers. We are grieving as a congregation their loss, but know our loss means they have gained life eternal with God. On a much happier note, we will celebrate the baptism of Logan Cruz Gretskey on Sunday, March 31st so don't miss worship that day (not that I want you missing worship any Sunday!)

Our church saw another wedding on March 2nd of Henry Call and Jessica Surcek, just after we hosted the Christ Net Homeless Shelter for the week of February 17-24th. That week went well, due in large part to our co-coordinators: Judy Howells, Paulette Wilson and Dorothy Gordon. Many thanks to Karen Roberts who cleaned the church daily, and to Dorothy for supervising every breakfast, and being around a lot at night too. Judy spent a good part of every evening here at the church as did Pat McCall and Kevin Hyder. Kevin's wife Lisa helped out a lot too. Besides supervising guests every evening, Kevin did 2 overnights that week, as did Jim Reinker. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with food or money donations, time spent doing laundry, supervising guests, shopping for supplies, getting volunteers, etc, etc!. Thanks to Ira Nebauer for setting up our shower in the basement, and to all who helped with setting up and cleaning up- especially Boy Scout Troop 1721 boys and their parents, and Dorothy and Karen Roberts (who even did an overnight together this year). Our week was mostly quietly with no major drama. Our guests enjoyed a concert on Thursday night from a local folk singing duo, and a movie on 2 nights. I can't forget to thank Todd Southers for being our cheerful dishwasher most every night. Everyone did a great job of working to serve our guests with love and

compassion. (One young man liked Lisa Hyder so much, he asked her if she could be his mother! But as she already has 3 kids, and 4 grandkids, she graciously declined.) A lot of our folks helped with the Exchange Club dinner during the week, with Paulette cooking delicious beef stroganoff.

As a church we got another chance to serve our community by hosting the March 9th meal at the First Congregational Church in Wyandotte. We had about 37 guests. Many thanks to Ruth Kasenow and Ruth Ann Brewer and the entire team of helpers that came out that Saturday to make folks a warm lunch (and give them a cold one for the road.) We had a good time together!

And speaking of a good time, we just had a wonderful St. Patrick's Day Soup and Salad luncheon last Sunday with great food and fellowship. Thanks to Karen Roberts, Dorothy Gordon and any others for helping setting it up and serving, and to everyone who came and brought yummy food! There was a lot of green to be seen- check out the picture on the opposite page.

I know that we are two weeks into Lent already, but I still want to invite you to consider what you need to do to be able to follow our Savior more faithfully and fully. What sins do you need to stop doing and ask God, in his grace, to forgive? What do you need to start doing to get more serious about your relationship with God and his Son? How about reading at least one gospel before Easter? What about having prayer time in the morning before looking at your phone or the TV? What can we do to serve others in need this Lent and share Christ's love?

I also want to encourage you to make joining us in worship every Sunday and during Holy Week a priority. Of course, God expects us to treat people right. He said through the prophet Amos: "Seek good, not evil, that you may live. Then the Lord God Almighty will be with you, just as you say he is." Remember God loved us enough to send his Son Jesus Christ into the world to preach and teach us about God, and to die on the cross to take the penalty we deserved for all our wrongdoing. Share that good news of God's love and Christ's sacrifice for us with others who may know nothing of our good and gracious God.

I also want to let you know that about \$2600 of repairs to the organ have been made, and our organist Jeff Burke is quite happy. (A few more adjustments need to be made.) Jim and I were happy to have a new water heater installed by Brace Pentoney and Ira Neubauer in the parsonage March 16th. That duo has installed new tile in the stage storage closet in the basement this week in addition to cleaning it out. Jerry Ward installed a new handicap grip bar in our meeting room bathroom, and changed locks on another. Ira also fixed the basement refrigerator doors, and replaced the lights in the office with some help from Jim Reinker and others. A big thank you to all these busy Trustees with all their skills and dedication to serving the church.

See you in worship! Call me anytime for a visit or a chat at (734) 407-9515.

Pastor Heidi



AROUND THE CHURCH

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. We are currently studying the Old Testament book of Amos.

Breakfast & Devotions at Mom's Restaurant

If you're looking for a way to start the week with good food, great company, and a brief devotional, then come join us at Mom's Diner **April 1, 15 and 29 and May 13 and 27 at 8 a.m.** Check the calendar for any possible changes. We always gather in the back room of the restaurant.

METHODINERS

We meet once every couple of months at various restaurants. Everyone is welcome to join us during these outing. Have a special place you like? Let us know., always looking for new places to try. Sign up by Tuesday, March 25 to join us on **Sunday, March 31 at 6 p.m.at Taza Fresh Grill** at 16185 Dix-Toledo Road in Southgate. The restaurant's menu features Mediterranean Lebanese cuisine , but there are American sub sandwiches on the menu too. Call the church office by March 25 if you forget to sign the sheet.



Join Us THIS EASTER

E V E N T S

OUR LENTEN STUDY-BOB GOFF'S BOOK- LOVE DOES: DISCOVER A SECRETLY INCREDIBLE LIFE IN AN ORDINARY WORLD

Our Lenten study has **two more sessions- Wednesday, March 27th and Wednesday, April 10th at 7 p.m.** Pastor Heidi still has one extra book if you want to jump in and join us. We will be discussing chapter 11 forward on the 27th. Each session begins with a brief DVD segment featuring Bob Goff who is an energetic, enthusiastic and engaging author and speaker. Come join us. The book is also available in digital form.

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 for Easter. On Thursday , April 18, we will celebrate Holy Communion in our lounge around tables. On Friday, April 19, we will contemplate the events of Christ's passion in the sanctuary. Both services will begin at 7 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 21ST

There are two worship services for Easter this year. The first is our **Sunrise Service** which is a brief 15 -20 minute service of prayer, scripture, and song at **Rotary Park** in Trenton **at 7:00 a.m.** We will gather on the side opposite the boat launch area, so park along Atwood Street for a shorter walk .

The second service is our **main Easter celebration** at **10 a.m.** in our beautiful sanctuary. There will be an indoor **Easter Egg Hunt** for the children immediately following our 10 a.m. worship. Invite your family, friends, neighbors and acquaintances to join us to celebrate Christ's resurrection.!



"We have different gifts according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is in prophesying, then prophecy in accordance with your faith; if it is in serving, then serve; if it is in teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is in giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully."

Romans 12: 6-8 NIV

SUN., MARCH 10 -1ST SUNDAY IN LENT- MONETARY COLLECTION FOR CHRISTNET

SUN., MARCH 17 - 2ND SUNDAY IN LENT-FOOD FOR ST. PHILIP'S FOOD PANTRY

SUN., MARCH 24- 3RD SUNDAY IN LENT

ROCKWOOD MEN'S HOME

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

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



CHURCH CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

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

4/25 - Jeffery Peck

Maj Nathaniel Davis

4/26— Larry DePalma

MAY

5/02 - Melda Neubauer

5/04 - Linda Ward

5/19— Rev. Heidi Reinker

5/20 - Elizabeth Reynolds

5/21 - Sarah Davis

5/24 - Brace Pentoney

5/25 - Derek Prater

5/31 - Lynn Bonham

ANNIVERSARIES

April

04/06— Kevin & Lisa Hyder (29 years)

04/20— Robert & Jo Kampschoer (32 years)

MAY

5/20 - Lee & Jan Wynn (52yrs)

5/28 - SFC Richard & Janet Wolfe (31yrs)

FLOWERS

April

04/07 - Ruth Kasenow

04/14 — Ruth Ann Brewer

Palms— Scott & Linda Radcliffe

04/21- Easter Sunday

04/28— a-Barb Wertz

O-Nina Barnsdale

MAY

5/05 — Open

5/12— Jan Wynn; Dorothy Gordon

5/19 — Open

5/20 — Open

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.

April: Dorothy Gordon 734-676-3359

May & June: Karen Roberts 734-676-0321

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

APRIL

07 - Karen Roberts

14— Judy Howells

21 - Cheryl Byrd

***28** Melda Neubauer

MAY

5- Judy Howells

12 - Karen Roberts

19 - Melda Neubauer

26* -Roberta Rennie

• **Birthday Sunday -**

Primary persons serve on a rotating basis. Each server is responsible for her own replacement.



APPLYING BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES

Many people — including Christians — sometimes end up in serious financial difficulty because they ignore this basic principle from God's Word. God wants us to know the state of our finances. Proverbs 27:23-24 instruct us, "Look after your sheep and cattle as carefully as you can, because wealth is not permanent. Not even nations last forever."

In Old Testament times, livestock were one of the primary measures of a person's wealth. Today, we might be admonished, "Be diligent to know the state of your bank accounts and your possessions." Or as Proverbs 24:3-4 says in a contemporary version, "Any enterprise is built by wise planning, becomes strong through common sense, and profits wonderfully by keeping abreast of the facts."

Why is this so important? As managers, we are responsible for what God has entrusted to us. Part of that responsibility includes monitoring the status of our possessions and making wise investments.

One of the best investments we can make is to send deposits to the "Bank of Heaven" by giving to the Lord's work here at First United Methodist Church. When we do that, we are not only exercising good stewardship, but we are also earning God's approval. There's no better return on an investment than that!

As you think about your life today, do you have a good picture of where you are financially? Are you keeping the commitments concerning giving which you have made to God?

Think about it: A dollar spent for lunch lasts about five hours. A dollar spent for a necktie lasts about five weeks. A dollar spent for an automobile lasts about five years. A dollar spent in the service of God lasts for eternity.

There are some wonderful principles in the Old Testament which apply to present-day Christians. One of these is in Deuteronomy 8:10-18. Stated in contemporary language, it says, "When you have eaten and are full, and when your cars, houses and bank accounts multiply, don't forget where it came from: Remember the Lord your God."

In truth, all that we have comes from God. He determines what we will receive, whether it be money, gold, silver, houses, land, bank accounts, stocks, bonds, etc. It all belongs to Him in the first place, and He entrusts it to us. According to David's prayer in 1 Chronicles 29, riches, honor, power, and wealth all come from God.

That's why there is no such thing as a self-made man or woman. Oh, we have to do our part. God's plan is not that we just sit around praying and reading the Bible all day long so that what we need to survive will miraculously drop into our hands. We're not just to pray for our "daily bread," but we're also to get up each day and work for it! That's why the Apostle Paul stated clearly, "Whoever refuses to work is not allowed to eat" (2 Thessalonians. 3:10). But in reality, the amount of money and wealth which we receive is determined by God. According to His divine will and knowledge, He entrusts to each of us the amount which He knows will be best for us.

What should be our reaction to our financial state? Some might pray, "Dear Lord, you must have made a mistake concerning me and my finances. Please give me more money." Others might try to circumvent God's design for their lives by trying to win the lottery or to obtain large sums of money through some other means. Mature Christians, however, will realize God's infinite wisdom far surpasses their limited perspective. They will accept with a thankful spirit what God has entrusted to them and seek to honor God by their living and by their giving.

We thank you for all you do here at First United Methodist Church and ask for your help to reach our goal of paying 100% of our Apportionments and Pensions this year.

Cheryl Byrd- Finance Chair and Ira Neubauer- Treasurer

Note: We are up-to-date on paying all our bills. Thanks for your support of our church!

IN OUR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY



ChristNet

Sunday, February 24 was the last day for The ChristNet Homeless shelter at our church. A very big thank you to all who lent their time, finances, supplies and prayers to this ministry!

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NEW CHURCH PHOTO

DIRECTORY TO BE CREATED-

PICTURES TO BE TAKEN

MONDAY, MAY 13TH

Please

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

Universal Church Directories is going to do a new church directory for us so we can help our new members get to know everyone, among other things. There is no cost to you to have your picture taken for the directory, and you will receive a free 8 x10 color portrait just for coming AND a free color church directory. The only cost to you is if you buy extra pictures, and we have been assured that there will be no pressure put on you to do so. We are looking for full participation in this project, and flyers will be passed out soon. You can also have other family members come in to have their pictures taken, without them having to be in the directory. PLUS pictures with your animals are allowed. Of course, you are responsible for cleaning any mess they make in the church- not Karen! Please mark your calendars now!!

IN OUR CHURCH CONTINUED



Easter Flowers

If you want your Easter flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one, please fill out the purple order form and return it to Ramona **no later Sunday, April 7th in order to get names in the bulletin. The actual deadline to order and pay for the flowers is Sunday, March 31st.**

You may pick up your flowers after the Easter service, or leave them to decorate the church for the next several weeks. Please indicate on your form what you intend to do.



Holy Week Worship

Maundy Thursday: 4/18 @ 7:00 pm

Good Friday: 4/19 @ 7:00 pm

Easter Sunrise: 4/21 @ 7:00 am

Easter Morning: 4/21 @ 10 am



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.

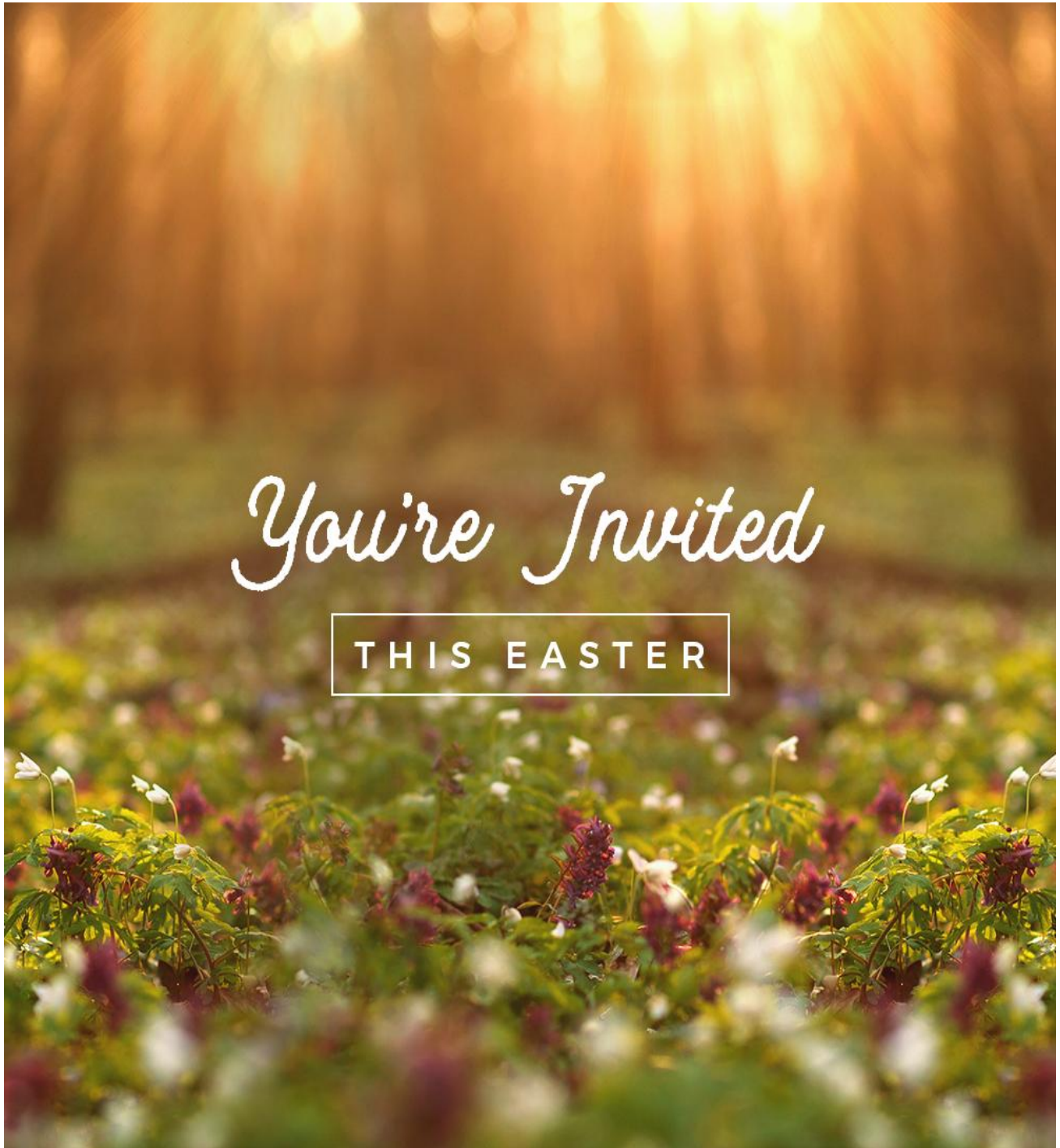
The food pantry is in need of canned fruit, cereal and peanut butter.

April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Breakfast at Mom's restaurant At 8 a.m.	2 9 am-3 pm Pastor Heidi office hours 1 pm Bible Study	3 9 am—1 pm Pastor Heidi office hours	4 7 pm Choir 8 pm Praise band	5	6
7 Fifth Sunday of Lent 10 am worship	8	9 9 am-3 pm Pastor Heidi office hours 1 pm Bible Study	10 9 am—1 pm Pastor Heidi office hours 7 pm Lenten Study	11 7 pm Choir 8 pm Praise band	12	13
14 Palm Sunday 10 am worship	15 8 am Breakfast & devotion at Mon's restaurant	16 9 am-3 pm Pastor Heidi office hours 1 pm Bible Study	17 9 am—1 pm Pastor Heidi office hours	18 7 pm Maundy Thursday worship	19 7 pm Good Friday worship	20
21 Easter Sunday 7 am Sunrise Service At Rotary Park 10 am worship with Easter Egg Hunt for kids	22 Office Closed	23 9 am-3 pm Pastor Heidi office hours 1 pm Bible Study	24 9 am—1 pm Pastor Heidi office hours	25 7 pm Choir 8 pm Praise band	26	27
28 10 am worship	29 7 pm Church Council meeting	30 9 am-3 pm Pastor Heidi office hours 1 pm Bible Study	26 9 am—1 pm Pastor Heidi office hours	27 7 pm Choir 8 pm Praise band	28	29

May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9 am—1 pm Pastor Heidi office hours	2 7 pm Choir 8 pm Praise band	3	4
5 10 am worship 6:30 pm Boy Scout	6	7 9 am-3 pm Pastor Heidi office hours 1 pm Bible Study	8 9 am—1 pm Pastor Heidi office hours	9 7 pm Choir 8 pm Praise band	10	11
12 10 am worship Mother's Day 6:30 pm Boy Scout	13 8 am Breakfast PHOTO DAY!!	14 9 am-3 pm Pastor Heidi office hours No Bible Study	15 9 am—1 pm Pastor Heidi office hours	16 7 pm Choir 8 pm Praise band	17	18
19 10 am worship 6:30 pm Boy Scout	20	21 9 am-3 pm Pastor Heidi office hours 1 pm Bible Study	22 9 am—1 pm Pastor Heidi office hours	23 7 pm Choir 8 pm Praise band	24	25
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You're Invited

THIS EASTER

Easter Sunrise Service at 7 a.m. at Rotary Park in Trenton

Main Easter Celebration at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary with

An indoor Easter Egg Hunt for children following worship

COME JOIN US!