

Let God's Word...

# The Good News



April May 2021

...Rule Our Hearts and Guide Our Footsteps.

**Maundy Thursday Service**  
(will include communion)  
TUMC 5:30 pm, GR 7:00 pm

**Good Friday Service**  
TUMC 5:30 pm, GR 7:00 pm

**Easter Sunday Service**  
TUMC 9 am, GR 10:30 am



## **All Church Worship will be In Person, FM Radio Drive In OR Zoom**

Guidance from the Bishop has lifted some of the restrictions and we may have services in the Church on Sundays with some requirements. Social distancing and masks are required. Use the front door, temperature checks and only use the handicap restroom for emergencies.

You will still be able to listen to the service via FM Radio in the parking lot or by Zoom. You can also watch the sermon on our facebook page. You can find us at Milan Trinity UMC.

Zoom worship is at [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us). Call in number for regular phones is 312-626-6799.  
**NEW meeting ID: 4862226765, Password 331506**

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## *In Loving Memory*

Larry Cole  
December 12, 1940  
March 21, 2021

Dale Hillman  
September 25, 1953  
March 19, 2021



### **Mowing the TUMC Church Lawn**

We are looking for someone to mow the Trinity church lawn. The pay is \$50 each time the lawn is mowed. Must bring your own mower. If you are interested or know of someone please call Pam Pearson(Versluys) 309-798-3476 or Jody at the church office 309-787-1362.



### **Sunday School Class Resumes**

The adult Sunday school class is back in full swing. You can join in person or by Zoom. The class is held right after church service in Fellowship Hall.

### **Finance News**

First, I thank **my God** through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported all over the world. (Romans 1:7-8, NIV). Thank you Trinity for all of your faithful financial support. We are very much on top of things as we open our church back up. Our apportionments have been paid, our bills are paid, and we seem to be on our way to a successful year. The parsonage was purchased, the address is at 1420 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Rock Island. Please drive by if you have time. I think it is a parsonage of which we can be very proud. For the next newsletter, I will work on getting all of our figures up-to-date so that we can step together through 2021.

Grace and Peace, Linda Armstrong

## **Knitting Group**

The knitting and crocheting group will resume their weekly gatherings on Wednesdays, 9-10 am in Fellowship Hall. The group is making afghans and scarfs. Please use the front doors only, check temperature, wear a mask and social distance. All groups are limited to 10 people.

## **Conference News**

The week before Holy Week, our Bishop held virtual meetings with the Clergy and Laity of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference. Bishop Beard has met with us a few times since the pandemic started.

I want to share with you a few things he shared with us.

Much of the meeting was to discuss the upcoming conference schedule. First, our annual conference will be held on Zoom in June, and we will be back to 2 days. The Jurisdictional conference, that determines the number of Bishops as well as bringing in new Bishops to possibly replace retiring Bishops will be meeting in the summer. Lastly the General Conference that was postponed from 2020, is now scheduled for August of 2021 and will be held in Minneapolis. There will be a 1-day virtual meeting in May to determine and approve the operations of our denomination. There will not be any other topics that will be determined, discussed or voted upon at this time.

COVID-19 was also a topic. This is an ever-evolving subject. Currently we can meet in person and sing, but social distancing and masks requirements are still in place. We will now have bulletins. Please remember to sign in and take your temperature and when you leave, please remember to sign out. This is a precaution and is used if we have someone who gets ill as a way of tracking anyone they may exposed.

## **Newsletter**

The church newsletter will now be bi-monthly. Please have any articles or information for the June/July newsletter to the church office by May 24<sup>th</sup>.





### **Birthdays**

Trinity- 3/29 Betty Blaser, 4/22 Keith Smith, Marlis Eiland 5/9, Betty Stripe 5/12, Betty Laffoon 5/14, Fred Flickinger 5/15, Linda McNeal 5/16, John Wilson 5/22, Vivian Wilker 5/23, Barb Mallder 5/25, Virginia Gross 5/29

Green River- 4/11 Dennis Bloomberg, 4/24 Marilyn Woelke, 4/24 Rod Shaw

**Anniversary-** Cece & John Wilson 5/23

### **Mailing Offerings**

**For Trinity UMC, use the church address at:**

**Trinity UMC 300 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue West Milan, IL 61264**

**For Green River UMC, use:**

**Green River UMC 125 Division Street Colona, IL 61241**

Your continued giving has enabled us to stay current on our expenses and benevolences at both churches. Thank you to everyone who has given. Your tithes and gifts allow us to continue to do God's work and ministry.

### **Food Pantry News**

Thank you, Trinity for supporting the Milan Food Pantry. Your donations have kept the pantry moving forward and helped a huge number of families in the Milan area. Our next week to work is Monday, April 19, 8:30-11 am and Thursday, April 22, 2:30-6 pm. We are usually shorthanded on Thursdays. Invite a friend to come and work with you! Jody

## News from the Pastor

Not sure if I will do this every newsletter, however today I had something come to mind I thought I would share it with you.

I want to start with a promise we made when we joined the United Methodist Church, whether it was by baptism, confirmation, or profession of faith. It says “as members together in the body of Christ and in this congregation of the United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant to faithfully participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts and our service and in everything God maybe glorified through Jesus Christ.

What does this mean? Simply put is that we will participate in the life of the church with our prayers, presence, gifts and service. We tend to forget this.

One of the other things I have heard “Pastor Lisa, I’m not as passionate about \_\_\_\_\_ (fill in the blank) ministry as Jane is.” This is something I understand, we all do not have the same passions, gifts and graces from God. But, we all are called.

In 2 Timothy 1:9 we are told “God is the one who saved and called us with a holy calling, this wasn’t based on what we have done, but it was based on his own purpose and grace that he gave us in Christ Jesus before time began.”

We all are called. Not everyone is called to the pulpit. Some are called to food pantries, or working with children or the elderly. The thing we tend to do is ignore God and his calling when we hear what he wants us to do. We don’t want to, or makes us uncomfortable or what ever other excuses we use. I think one of the biggest excuses is I don’t know how. Let me let you in on a little secret, God will equip you to do his work. I know he will.

Now to get to the point. Is there something God is calling you to do? What are your passions? Jesus drew crowds wherever he was, but that didn’t start out that way. I am asking, what is God calling you to do? If there is something God has placed on your heart, let’s talk.

We all are called, and in many different ways. What is your calling?

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Website: [www.milantrinity.com](http://www.milantrinity.com)  
Facebook: Milan Trinity UMC



### **Trinity Facebook Page**

Trinity now has a Facebook page. You can find us at Milan Trinity UMC.  
Share this Facebook page with your family and friends.

