

Greetings!



"Because Jesus Lives...We Live Also!"

"He Lives" is a song I learned as a child and it continues to be one of my favorites. My mother and I would often sing it together and harmonize on the chorus. We would often sing this hymn on Easter Sunday but it would not be uncommon for us to sing it throughout the rest of the year. These familiar words have been welling up in my soul as I have journeyed towards Easter.

I appreciate the famous expression from St. Augustine, "He who sings prays twice," because as I lift my voice to sing this song it has become my prayer of petition and thanksgiving to God. It is my way of joyfully acknowledging that in every circumstance or situation not only is Jesus sustaining me by his wisdom, mercy and grace but I also have peace in my heart knowing that through Him I have the victory. Because Jesus lives ... I live also!

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade." - 1 Peter 1:3-4a (NIV)

The Easter story gives us reason to celebrate! The Easter story conveys the truth and promise that Jesus Christ is risen and is alive forever more. Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

As Christians, our sure and certain hope is grounded in the fact and belief that through the life, death and resurrection of Christ we are continually being made new through God's love. God's spirit is always at work redeeming, restoring and transforming our lives and bringing about His rule and reign ... justice and peace in the world.

Easter reminds us that there is nothing (no thing) too hard for God! Through the power of the Resurrection that is already at work in us ... our faith can overcome fear, trials can turn into testimonies, miracles can come out of a mess and praise can have victory over pain. Because Jesus lives ... we live also!

I pray you experience the joy of Easter, today and always! May your life be a witness to the transforming power of the Resurrection! May others know and experience the love of God and the saving grace of Christ through your sharing of the Word of God and you being the very embodiment of Christ in the world.

Noteworthy News

Core Values Gathering - Tuesday, April 10 at 7:00 pm

In these uncertain times, it is clear that the Church needs to adapt to its changing environment. But, in order to move forward into uncharted territory, we must also be certain of what it is **that will never change**. The focus of our gathering will be to answer questions like: What is it that defines us? What is our congregational DNA? What is it that we will not let go of, no matter what? In doing so, we will find the freedom to let other things go. On **Tuesday, April 10**, you are invited to be part of a process by which we will share stories and discover what our deepest Core Values are. The conversation begins at **7:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall and will include desserts and coffee.

Door Security System

Our new door security system will be installed and activated on Monday, April 9 at the North entrance as well as the preschool/day care area. The new system includes a camera and intercom installed on the same door as the one with the key pad. If you usually use the key pad to enter the building, you will still be able to do that. Effective Tuesday, April 10, to enter the church during office hours (9:00 am-1:00 pm, Mon.-Thurs.), you will need to press the intercom key (button with a blue bell on it) and get let into the door remotely. There will be signs with clear instructions on how to use the new system. The main North doors will still be unlocked for people to enter on Sunday mornings.

Adult Small Group Activities

NEW Sunday School Small Group Series

Sherry Leggett is leading this class on Sundays from April 8 through May 6 in the library. "Bringing Up Boys" and "Bringing Up Girls", a study by Dr. James Dobson is a five-session series providing parents, grandparents, and caregivers practical strategies to establishing relationships and making a positive generational impact on our boys and girls. This series will provide an encouraging guide as Dr. Dobson offers parents sensible advice on nurturing honesty and integrity in our children. Come join us!

One in Christ Singles Group

This class will continue to meet on Thursday evenings 6:30 - 8:00 pm for informal small group discussion of a variety of Biblical topics. All are welcome and can bring kids, but no formal kids activities are offered.

Young Adult Sunday School Class

Bev Squirrel leads this class for those in their senior year of high school through age 35. Class meets at 10:20 am in the Fellowship Hall Annex room. Come check it out and join us for some lively discussion.

Angels of Comfort

The Angels of Comfort meet in the church library at 9:00 a.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, September through May. All knitters and crocheters are welcome to join! We provide the yarn for the many different projects we make and give to those in need.



*** Last meeting of the season is April 24, 2018.**

Come join us! If you have any questions, please call Esther Leggett, 330-682-6365 or e-mail at eleggett@zoominternet.net.

Men's Breakfast Fellowship

All men are invited for breakfast at Dravenstott's Restaurant on the third Thursday of every month at 7:00 a.m. This is a time for food, fellowship and faith.



Contact Norm Hibinger, 330-682-4977 or Hibinger@aol.com for more information.

Women's Fellowship Circles

All women of the church are invited to join in a women's fellowship circle.

- **Priscilla Circle:** 9:30 AM on 3rd Tuesday of the month (church Library)
- **Lydia Circle:** 1:00 PM on the 3rd Thursday of the month (Dravenstott's Restaurant)



*** Note: Lydia Circle resumes April 19**

For more information on the circles and their activities contact
President Rose Hibinger 330-682-4977 or Hibinger@aol.com.

Important Upcoming Dates

April	10:	Core Values Gathering 7:00 pm
April needed)	13:	Red Cross Blood Drive 2:00 - 7:00 pm (donors
April	17:	Ministry Support Team Meeting 7:00 pm
April	22-28:	Adult Mission Trip to Elkhorn, WV

Children's Ministry News

Linda & Dave Tibbitts

Frolic - Little Steps. Big Faith.

Families of children ages 0-4 engaged in Old Testament Bible Stories during Frolic sessions held at Trinity during Community Nights in January through March. Five families (seven children) sang songs, learned poems, read stories, made edible lions, looked for baby Moses, threw snowballs at Goliath, made large fish that swallowed Jonah and played their way through the Old Testament Bible Stories. Activities were led by Dave and Linda Tibbitts assisted by Rachel Williams.

Frolic is designed to serve as a parent-child playtime based on Bible Stories. The ministry uses play, songs, and laughter to develop a faith base for God's youngest. Frolic serves the mission 'to build Christian homes by equipping families to nurture children in the faith'. Plans are being made to launch a New Testament Series in the fall.



Isaiah rides a camel like
Abraham and Sarah



Hannah paints her version
of the Exodus



Benson is creating God's world



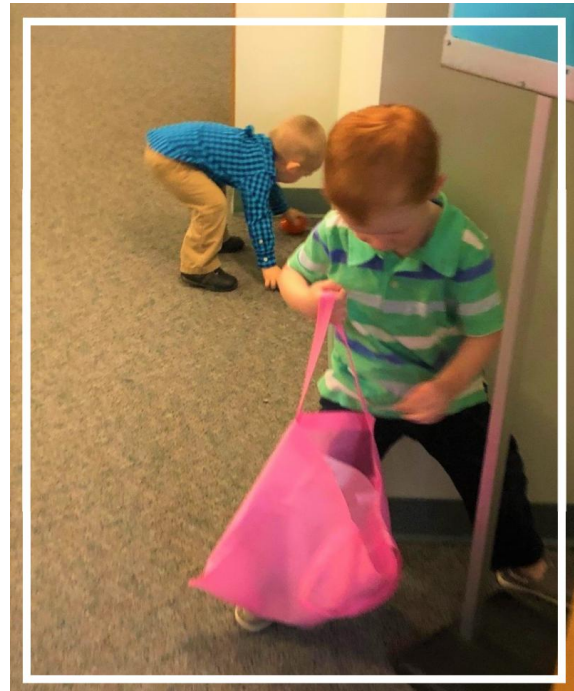
Easter



Bailey paints her favorite Bible story

Grant listens just like Samuel Celebration Thank You

Thank you to the eleven adults and thirteen youth and all that donated candy for the Easter Family Fun Fair. Your generous gift of time and resources made the event a success. Twenty-nine kids and their families decorated cookies, made Easter decorations, played bunny games, posed for pictures at the Funny Bunny Photo Booth, and hunted 375 Easter Eggs.





Wycliffe Bible Translators Project

On Sunday, April 8, Rhonda Johnston will share the ministry of the Wycliffe Bible Translators with children ages 4-6th grade. Wycliffe Bible Translators USA "is an interdenominational organization mandated to making a translation of the Bible in every living language in the world, especially for cultures with little existing Christian influence".

Rhonda will share the story of Mark and Carol Hepner who served as a Bible translation team among the Bargam people in New Guinea. They have a compelling story which points to a current need for additional funding and prayer to support continuation of their ministry.

The children will create refrigerator magnet frames as a service project during Sunday School and Kindling Kid's Time on April 8th and 15th. These frames will be available following worship on Sunday, April 22. Donations will be accepted. All proceeds will be given as a love offering to support the mission work of Mark and Carol as they continue their ministry with Wycliffe Bible Translators.

Camp Create: Making Stuff for the Glory of God

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is taking on a new look this year. Rather than purchasing a pre-packaged program, Trinity will conduct 'Camp Create' on Tuesday-Thursday evening, June 5-7 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. There will be a celebration on Sunday morning, June 10.

Kids age 4 - 8th grade will meet each night to study scripture, worship, and engage in creating. Consider your gifts. How could you be a part of this exciting, new, creative venture to glorify God? Contact Dave or Linda Tibbitts at children@orrvilletrinity.com

Upcoming Dates for Children's Opportunities

April 8 10:20-11:00 AM Ages 4-6th grade meet in 108-109 to begin service project

April 15 10:20-11:00 AM Ages 4-6th grade meet in 108-109 to continue service project

April 22 Sunday AM Complete service project

May 6 10:20-11:00 AM Ages 4-6th grade meet in 108-109 to make Mother's Day gift

May 13 10:20-11:00 AM Ages 4-6th grade meet in 108-109 to finish
Mother's Day gift
June 5-7 6:00-8:00 PM Camp Create
June 10 Sunday AM Camp Create Celebration

Congregational Life

Birthday Correction

In the last newsletter, there was a birthday listed incorrectly. On April 21, Isaac Hullinger will be celebrating his birthday, not Dan.

Prayer Concerns

To view a full listing of prayer concerns, [click here](#). If you are viewing a printed version of the newsletter, please find the prayer requests attached.

East Ohio Conference News

Training for Tragedy Workshop Offered

Each day, our newscasts and social media networks are filled with reports of gun violence, teen suicide, bullying, drug overdoses, and other tragic stories.

These traumatic incidents affect everyone in the schools, churches, and youth groups of the communities in which they occur. Most adult youth leaders are not professionally trained counselors who know what to say or do when tragedy strikes, but they know that doing nothing is not the answer.

The East Ohio Conference Youth Leaders Network has organized **Training for Tragedy**, a learning opportunity for adults who work with teens, or who want to engage in the lives of teens.

Join us **Sunday, April 15 from 2-4 PM at Wadsworth UMC** for a panel discussion with psychologists, behavior specialists, a pastor, a guidance counselor, and a high school principal who will offer their professional insights on how to prepare before tragedy strikes, and how to respond after it does.

March Worship Attendance

Date	8:00 am	9:15 am	11:11 am	Total
4th	22	112	48	182
11th	23	108	38	169
18th	N/A	163	N/A	163
25th	28	96	40	164

Financial Update - Operations Fund

	March 2018	Year-to-Date
Income	\$30,996	\$85,846
Expenses	\$39,689	\$100,957

Note: Adjusted for annual prepayments. Complete details are available by contacting the church office.

Mission Opportunities



Kids! Remember to bring your change to help other Kids. We are collecting every week during the Children's Chat at the 9:15 and 11:11 AM worship services. This year's collection will go to O-Huddle.

Trinity's Hands

If you're interested in helping with local Trinity's Hands projects, or would like more information about the Trinity's Hands program, please contact Dan Holderman at HoldermanDan@gmail.com.



Adult Mission Trip

The ADULT mission team has a trip scheduled to go to Elkhorn, West Virginia the week of April 22nd. We will leave Orrville at noon on Sunday and return on Saturday the 28th. The mission is set up through the MCC (Mennonite Central Committee) SWAP (Sharing With Appalachian People) program, and we will be helping low or no income people with home repairs, and also helping a new host camp location get ready to receive

mission teams.

The cost is \$325 a person, (Trinity members or attendees have this fee paid from our adult mission trip fund), plus whatever you need to pay for your meals down and back.

If you would like to go or need more information, contact Dan Holderman, either via voice or text at [330-988-0241](tel:330-988-0241), or email HoldermanDan@gmail.com. Is God calling you to serve?

Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me. Isaiah 6:8

Letters of Thanks

Acknowledgement was received this month for Trinity's donations to:
The Salvation Army.

From Chaplain Ray Pfahler, Aultman Orrville Hospital: To Angels of Comfort, Thank you again for the lap blankets made for Aultman Orrville Hospital. Our patients will be blessed during their time of need for extra comfort. Your kindness goes a long way. Your prayers are more important than we can know.

From Josh Squirrel: Dear Church, Thank you for the opportunity to serve in Puerto Rico. The experience will live in me for years and leave an impact for decades.

From Thom & Chris Denman, The Risen Son: Dear Friends in Christ, What a blessing it always is to hear from you. Everyone here at "The Risen Son" sends you their heartfelt thanks and appreciation for your recent gift to the Lord's work being done in the mountains of Southeast Kentucky! God has truly blessed us with friends like you and we are very thankful. The "Crown of Thorns" (hanging beside the workroom copier) was made by one of our friends here. He is 75 years old and a real mountain man! It comes to you all as a small token of our thanks, along with our love & prayers for you this Easter. Please continue to keep us in your prayers, as we work together in mission. In His Service, Thom & Chris

Community Announcements

Help Wanted

Wanake Camp & Retreat Center (Beach City, OH) Seeks positive, dependable workers who are flexible and self-directed to be a vital part of the year-round ministry. Presently there are **Year-round, part-time positions** open in food service and horse feeding. There are also **seasonal positions** in lawn care and horse instruction. For more information or to apply, visit www.campwanake.org and go to the job opportunities tab, e-

mail info@campwanake.org or call 330-756-2333.

Camp Wanake is also looking for applicants - Age 18+ - to fill **full-time summer positions: counselors, lifeguards, horse instructors, and food service positions**. For more information or to apply, visit www.campwanake.org and go to the job opportunities tab, e-mail info@campwanake.org or call 330-756-2333.

Wanake Camp and Retreat Center in Beach City, Ohio is seeking applicants for summer health care positions:

- **Registered Nurses who can fill in** for the visiting RN at Wanake throughout the summer. The position of Visiting RN requires a 30-60 minute visit on the Wanake grounds each day. During his/her visit the Visiting RN checks the medical log, oversees the health director's work, and assists with special concerns or issues. This can be a paid position.
- **Registered Nurses who can fill in** on an occasional Sunday to be the RN for camper check in. Check in hours are 2:30-4:30 PM on Sundays.
- **(And on a volunteer basis) Health Care Professionals** who can help with check-in health screening on Sundays (2:30-4:30 PM), June 17, June 24, July 1, July 8, July 15, July 22 and/or July 29, 2018 and/or Mondays (9-11 AM) June 18, June 25, and/or July 9, 2018.

Community Bulletin Board

Please check the Community Bulletin Board in the hall across from the church office to see up-to-date announcements.

Bulletin Bloopers

