

# APRIL 2017 "TIDINGS" NEWSLETTER

## TRILBY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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\*OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday thru Thursday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

\*SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE: Sunday Worship 10:00 am

Sunday School 10:00 am

\* Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday

\* Children's Message: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

### Pastor's Article

#### "Will Baby Boomers and Millennials Attend Church This Easter?"

Baby boomers were born between 1946 and 1964. After World War II, birth rates across the world spiked. Almost 77 million babies were born in the United States alone, comprising nearly 40 percent of the American population. The large increase in population produced a substantial rise in demand for consumer goods, stimulating the postwar economy. These folk were not affected by the great depression. They expected nice things. These women are bold decision makers and have confidence that the future will be safe and prosperous. Boomers appreciate the label of Christian, but may know very little about living like Jesus.

Society became even more "self-reliant" with the millennial generation. They were born between 1982 and 2002. They have already entered college and the workforce. Millennials have different characteristics than any before them. Christianity is just one of many choices about religion and they choose independently from parents. Public schools and universities have changed because of them. Millennials have been plugged into technology since they were babies and are the first generation for which Hispanics are the largest minority group instead of African Americans. They are true multi-taskers, expect to have 6-8 careers in their lifetime and are attracted to diverse environments. When invited to attend church, they look at their busy life and need logical proof it is worth their time. What's worse, the media portrays the church as hypocritical.

Older Christians often think that younger adults just need to come to church and see for themselves. The younger people care much about morality but ask "Why should we care about what's happening in church when the church has not shown genuine compassion or integrity beyond their own members?" Especially millennials see the church as an exclusive club that does not offer unconditional love. For them, the church is failing to live up to its own standards. Members of Trilby desperately want to understand why their son or granddaughter would choose to play golf or go to brunch or sleep in on a Sunday morning. They worry about this trend and about the future of the church. It will take more than a casual invitation to convince millennials that the church offers a community worth their effort. As members of Trilby UMC wonderfully pour out their hearts and life into a sacred work, the generation that we need to reach, perceives our work as irrelevant or even objectionable because it does not solve their problems. Maybe the problem isn't millennials' apathy toward the church. Maybe it's the church's apathy toward the concerns and personal life of millennials. Besides inviting people to worship, we must demonstrate how worshipping the resurrected Jesus has transformed us. They will accept our simple invitations when they see in us living joyously and bravely for the eternal God of love.

*Pastor Larry*

## MONTH OF APRIL BIBLE VERSE

*“Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believeth thou this?” John 11:25-26 (KJV)*

**FAITH STEP:** This Easter Sunday, turn the page in your own life. Let Jesus take you from death into the promise of His Resurrection. Join with Him and commit to living His abundant life today!

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR TRILBY CHURCH CONGREGATION TO BE INVOLVED IN PRAYER

- Our **PRAYER CHAIN** is always available to you. Please call your prayer concerns or your joys and celebrations as needed. You may start the Prayer Chain by contacting the church office (419)-472-2103 or Joyce (419) 474-7889, or Karen Stalker (419) 250-9019. You may also participate as part of the prayer chain by calling any of the numbers listed above to be added.
- Our **PRAYER VIGIL** is **April 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>** from **11:00 am to 6:00 pm**. Please sign up for several 15 minute increments. You can pray any place. A page of suggested prayer issues will be available at the Vigil sign-up in the Narthex.
- We give you an opportunity to share all prayer concerns, joys and celebrations during **SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER TIME**. Please fill out a prayer card, then give it to an usher or place the card in the Offering Plate.
- Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 1:30 pm, **“PATTERNS OF PRAYERS”** is held in the sanctuary. *“Prayer is simply an honest conversation with God”*. Please join us in the sanctuary for prayer time. *What might God do through us when we pray and learn to love each other as we love ourselves? Lord, teach us to pray.* **ALL ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE.**
- We express our **deepest SYMPATHY and PRAYERS** to the family and friends of **Rob Walker**, member of Trilby UMC (2003), who passed away suddenly March 21, 2017. Pastor Larry officiated the service held at Trilby UM Church on Tuesday, March 28, 2017.

We express our **deepest SYMPATHY and PRAYERS** to the family and friends of Kimberly O. Stewart, constituent to Trilby UM Church, who passed away suddenly March 26, 2017.

### WAYS TRILBY CHURCH CONGREGATION ARE ABLE TO ENCOURAGE EACH OTHER

- Add a bit of sunshine for someone who has been hospitalized or someone who has felt out of sorts a little. When you send your card, please put the person’s return address on the envelope if you send the card to the hospital. If he/she is discharged before the card arrives, it will be forwarded to their home address.

- Help care for our **SHUT-INS**. Remember them by a card or two or even a phone call which helps to break up their day and reminds them we are thinking and praying for them.
- **“MISS YOU” POST CARDS and STAMPS** are available in Fellowship Hall. Help Trilby Church to show when you miss worship, you are missed! You will find prepared mailing labels & stamps for your use. Take a moment, prepare a postcard, place a stamp on and mail your post card on the way home.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES** are available at the information table in the Fellowship Hall or through the office. Please remember to write your number in the corner of your new packet.

**FINANCE MEETING:** Next scheduled meeting is **MON., APRIL 10, 2017** at **3:00 pm**.

**ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD:** Next scheduled meeting **MON., APRIL 10, 2017** at **4:00 pm**.

**COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES:** Next meeting date is **MON., MAY 8, 2017** at **3:30 pm**.

The **LOCAL UNITED METHODIST MEN** is a group of men who meet together for Christian fellowship on a monthly basis. This group will meet on **TUES., APRIL 11, 2017** at **5:00 pm**. They will meet at the church, then travel to a nearby restaurant to share a meal together. If you have any questions concerning this meeting, please call, Duane McCaskey (419-376-4066).

The **PRISCILLA CIRCLE** is a ladies group who meet together for a time of fellowship, prayer and maybe a program to help us grow in service. They will meet on **TUES., APRIL 25, 2017**. If you have any questions concerning this meeting, please contact Mary Richardson (419-475-7027) or Karen Walker (734-854-2255).

**TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY** will meet on **Tuesday** afternoons at **12:30 pm**. Please call Kathy Botz (419- 4773-0262) for additional information.

The **THRIFT SHOP** and **CLOTHE THY NEIGHBOR** will be open for shopping and to help those in need on Thursdays 11:00 am – 2:00 pm. (unless Thursday falls on a holiday) Sandy Northcutt needs two additional helpers for the program. Please call her if you are interested (734) 847- 4197.

## **MISSIONS COLLECTIONS THAT CONTINUE AT TRILBY ALL YEAR**

(All collection containers are in Fellowship Hall)

- **CLOTHE THY NEIGHBOR: THURSDAYS 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.** (except on holidays)
- Recycle your **EXPIRED COUPONS**
- Please save **CARD FRONTS** for **ST. JUDE’S RANCH**
- **REUSABLE EYEGLASSES & CASES** collected for **Haiti Mission** Trip by Dr. Bijot
- **POP CAN TABS** collected for **Ronald McDonald’s House** (box in Fellowship Hall)
- **EMPTY PRESCRIPTION BOTTLES** by West Ohio Conference UM Men
- Continued help as needed to **“MOM’S HOUSE**

**“Some people can be so narrow-minded  
they can look through a key hole  
with both eyes.”**

## **Nine Ways for Christians to Do Evangelism**

1. Let people around you know you are a Christian in a natural, unforced way.
2. Ask friends about their faith – and just listen!
3. Listen to your friend’s problems and maybe offer to pray for them.
4. Share your problems with others and testify to how your faith helps you.
5. Give them a book to read.
6. Briefly share what Jesus is doing to help you today.
7. Answer objections and questions they have about Christianity.
8. Invite them to a church event.
9. Offer to read the Bible with them.



### **Sanctuary Carpet Fund Raiser**

#### **Chicken Dinner**

(Complete dinner including dessert & beverage)

**Sat., April 8, 2017 - 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm**

**\$10.00 per adult meal**

**Children 6yr. and under free**

## **THE JOY OF THE RESURRECTION**

We Christians simply cannot get over the reality of the Resurrection. For us, the fact that God raised Christ from the dead proves that Christ’s way alone is God’s answer to the sins and horrors of the world. The truths Christ brought when he walked on Earth stand solid and irrefutable. The light he brought is the only light that never goes out for it is the eternal light of God’s glory.

Christ’s life is truly the clearest example of how God intends for us to live. Christ’s way is the way that makes the most sense for living on this earth. The true saints have proven that over and over.

The hope which Christ offers us is the only true and lasting hope. Ultimately, it is our only real assurance that life can be good and joyous for everyone. Read the words St. Paul wrote to the church at Rome and apply it to your own life: “Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his” (Romans 6:4-5, NRSV).

If that is not a tremendous cause for abiding joy, then what is?

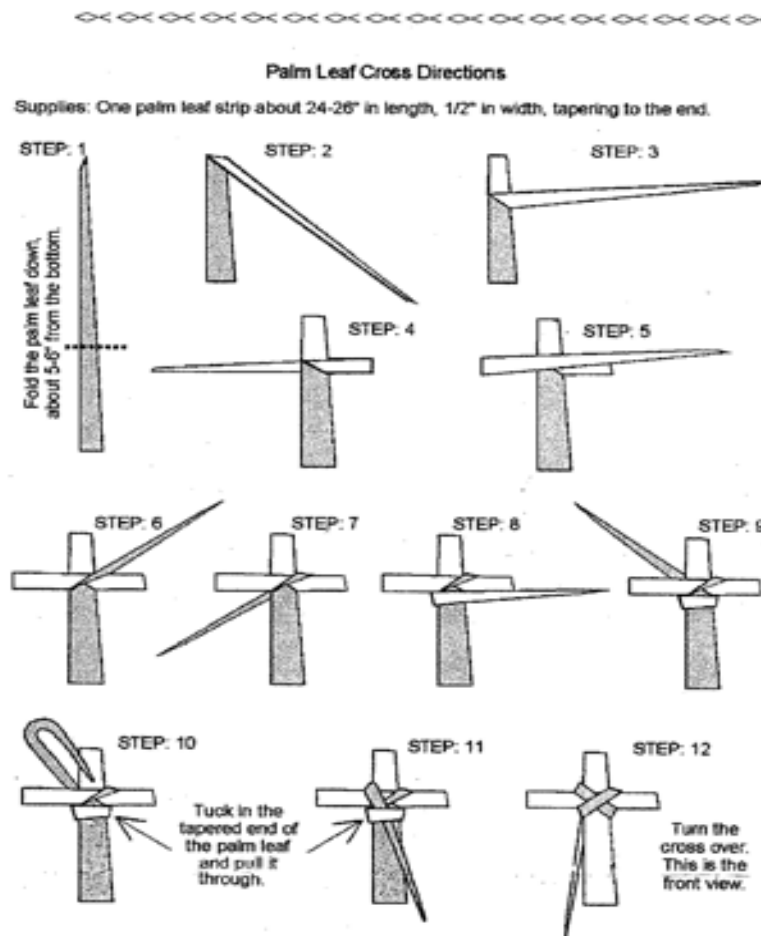
## BIBLE QUIZ

After the Resurrection, two of Jesus' friends went into the temple in Jerusalem to pray. Before entering the house of worship, they saw a crippled man begging for money from those passing by. Peter had not worked for a while, and his purse was empty.

Nevertheless, he felt sorry for the man and said to him, "I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you ..." (Acts 3:6, NRSV). Peter also spoke one of the lines below. What did he say?

- A. "Take this bread and eat it."
- B. "In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk."
- C. "I can't offer you healing, but I will pray for you in the temple."

The answer is in Acts 3:6 NRSV



### APRIL 2017 BIRTHDAYS

4-1 Linda Walz

4-8 Deloris Swaisgood

4-18 Archie Bloomfield, Mary Edgar, Mary Richardson

### APRIL 2017 ANNIVERSARIES

4-9 Jim & Sally Wing

## **EASTER SUNDAY SPECIAL OFFERING**

It has become a tradition here at Trilby Church to designate our Easter offering for a special purpose. The offering this year will be divided between two ministries. Half will go toward Friendly Center and half to parsonage repairs. Please come prepared for this second offering.

## **SCHEDULE for EASTER SERVICES - CELEBRATE THE RISEN CHRIST!**

Easter Sunday is the most important day in the Christian calendar. It's the day Christ proved he is Lord over sin and death. Let us heartily join together to celebrate and rejoice. Welcome to all!

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am            Palm Sunday Worship  
Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> 12: Noon            Good Friday Service  
Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am    Resurrection Sunday Worship

## **CALENDAR FOR APRIL 2017**

Sun., April 2    **Worship/Children's Sunday School Class 10:00 am, Fellowship Hour**  
Mon., April 3    **Membership Class 5:30 pm**  
Tues., April 4    **Bible Study 12:30 pm**  
Thurs., April 6    **Thrift Shop & Clothe Our Neighbors 11:00 am - 2:00 pm, Women's Addiction Recovery Group 6:00 pm**  
**Sat., April 8    Chicken Dinner Fund Raiser 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm**  
Sun., April 9    **Palm Sunday Worship/Deadline Newsletter@ 12: Noon**  
                         **Children's Sunday School Class 10:00 am, Fellowship Hour**  
Mon., April 10    **Finance Meeting 3:00 pm, Administrative Board 4:00 PM, Membership Class 5:30 pm**  
Tues., April      **Bible Study 12:30 pm, United Methodist Men 5:00 pm**  
Thurs., April 13 **Maundy Thursday of Holy Week**  
                         **Thrift Shop & Clothe Our Neighbors 11:00 am - 2:00 pm, Women's Addiction Recovery Group 6:00 pm**  
Fri., April 14    **Good Friday of Holy Week 12: Noon**  
Sun., April 16    **Easter Sunday, Worship/Children's Message - Children's Sunday School 10:00 am, Fellowship Hour**  
Mon., April 17    **Last Membership Class 5:30 to 6:45 pm in Fellowship Hall**  
Tues., April 18    **Bible Study 12:30 pm**  
**Thurs., April 20 Prayer Vigil 11:00 am to 6:00 pm**  
                         **Thrift Shop & Clothe Our Neighbors 11:00 am - 2:00 pm**  
                         **Women's Addiction Recovery Group 6:00 pm**  
**Fri., April 21<sup>st</sup> Prayer Vigil 11:00 am to 6:00 pm**  
**Sat., April 22<sup>nd</sup> Prayer Vigil 11:00 am to 6:00 pm**  
Sun., April 23    **Membership Sunday, Worship 10:00 am/Children's Sunday School 10:00 am, Fellowship Hour**  
Tues., April 25    **Bible Study 1:30 pm, Priscilla Circle Gathering 6:30 pm**  
Thurs., April 27    **Thrift Shop & Clothe Our Neighbors 11:00 am - 2:00 pm, Women's Addiction Recovery Group 6:00 pm**  
Sun., April 30    **Worship 10:00 am/Children's Sunday School 10:00 am, Fellowship Hour**

## SERMON INFORMATION FOR APRIL 2017

<b>Date</b>	<b>Sermon Title</b>	<b>Sermon Text</b>	<b>Liturgist Text</b>	<b>Music selected by musicians</b>
APRIL 2 <sup>ND</sup>	Constantly Abiding	(NT 109) John 15:4-16	(NT 191) Galatians 5:22- 6:2	Holy Communion # 700 Abide With Me <i>Pastor sings "Constantly Abiding"</i> #301 Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross <i>Liturgist: Steve Stalker</i> <i>Ushers: Kathy Botz, Judy McFarland</i>
APRIL 9 <sup>TH</sup> Palm Sunday	Praying Before Hard Times	(NT 111) John 17:6-23	(OT 827) Daniel 6:10-16 and 19-24	#278 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna #413 A Charge to Keep I Have #280 All Glory, Laud and Honor <i>Liturgist: Ronalda Whitmill</i> <i>Ushers: Jim Wheeler, Kevin McFarland</i>
APRIL 14 <sup>TH</sup> Good Friday	When the Innocent Suffer	(NT 113) John 19: 1-16	((NT 234) I Peter 4:1-8	Hymns chosen by pianist # 288 Were You There vs 1, 3, 5 # 294 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed #295 In the Cross of Christ I Glory
APRIL 16 <sup>TH</sup> Easter Sunday	A Personal Resurrection	(NT 114) JOHN 20:10-18	(NT 176) I CORINTHIANS 15:20-26 and 37-42	#310 He Lives #163 Ask Ye What Great Thing #364 Because He Lives <i>Liturgist: Mary Richardson</i> <i>Ushers: Archie Bloom Field</i>
APRIL 23 <sup>RD</sup> Membership Sunday	The Emmaus Road	(NT 90) Luke 24:3 – 27, 30 – 34	(NT 121) Acts 4:8 -14, 18 - 21	Hymns chosen by pianist # 597 God of Grace & God of Glory # 177 He Is Lord # 415 Take Up Thy Cross <i>Liturgist: Karen Walker</i> <i>Ushers: Dave &amp; Linda Walz</i>
APRIL 30 <sup>TH</sup> Gideon Speaker	TBA	TBA	(NT 156) Romans 6:4 -14 and 22 – 23	Hymns chosen by pianist # 158 Come Christians Join To Sing # 528 Nearer My God to Thee (vs 1, 5) # 571 Go Make of All Disciples <i>Liturgist: Doug Reinhart</i> <i>Ushers: John &amp; Julie Harder</i>

## UM HISTORIAL SOCIETY OF OHIO TO HOLD SPRING CONVOCATION – APRIL 22

The United Methodist Historical Society of Ohio will meet on April 22 at Trinity United Methodist Church, 200 N. Summit St., Bowling Green, Ohio. The theme will be, "Celebrating Women of Courage, Character, and Commitment in the United Methodist Church," and will include sessions of interest to local church historians.

### THRIFT SHOP

Sandy Northcutt needs two more people to work the "Thrift Shop" on Thursdays from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. If you are interested in helping in this ministry, please call Sandy @ 734-847-4197.

**PLASTIC FILLED EASTER EGGS** are needed for the Children's Egg Hunt. There is a basket in Fellowship Hall and in the Narthex to put them in. Also if you would like to give the children an Easter Card, the names are listed below: Mikayla Berning, Cali Crabtree, Chloe Crabtree, Bella Wright, Blake Hamp, Vinny Dawson, Tyler Pierson, Jaylyn Wright, and Addison Wheeler.

### THE SHOE BOX...♥

A man and woman had been married for more than 60 years. They had shared everything. They had talked about everything. They had kept no secrets from each other except that the little old woman had a shoe box in the top of her closet that she had cautioned her husband never to open or ask her about. For all of these years, he had never thought about the box, but one day the little old woman got very sick and the doctor said she would not recover.

In trying to sort out their affairs, the old man took down the shoe box and took it to his wife's bedside. She agreed that it was time that he should know what was in the box. When he opened it, he found two crocheted dolls and a stack of money in the amount of \$95,000.

He asked her about the contents.

"When we were to be married, she said, "My grandmother told me the secret of a happy marriage was to never argue. She told me that if I ever got angry with you, I should just keep quiet and crochet a doll."

The old man was so moved, he had to fight back tears. Only two precious dolls were in the box. She had only been angry with him two times in all those years of living. He almost burst with happiness.

"Honey, he said, 'that explains the doll, but what about all of this money? Where did it come from?'"

"Oh, she said, that's the money I made from selling the dolls.

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*We celebrate and congratulate  
all married couples at this time.*

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# *Chicken Dinner*

*April 8, 2017*

*4:30 - 6:30 PM*

*\$10.00 per adult meal*

*children 6 yrs. and under - free*

*Fund Raiser for Sanctuary and Narthex Carpeting*

*Tickets available thru office or thru Sandy Northcutt on Sunday mornings*

*Limited seating - don't miss this great meal!*