



# TRINITY TIMES

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Trinity United Church of Christ  
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APRIL, 2019

## General Information:

### Worship Schedule:

Sunday Service

9:00am

Fellowship Time

10:00am

Sunday School

10:30am

### Office Hours:

Mon—Fri 9am—1pm

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## The final word

When wildfires ravaged Paradise, California, in 2018, dozens were killed and thousands lost homes, irreplaceable mementos and personal connections. School, work and church routines were upended.

If life has both “cross-like times” and “resurrection-like times,” as a pastor once said, this certainly was a cross-like time. But God never lets death, sorrow or suffering have the final say. To bring light to dark times, God works through countless good-hearted helpers.

One was 90-year-old Bob Wilson, a Los Angeles man who quickly decided to give people he'd never met “something ... [to] lift their spirits.” That “something” was a \$1,000 handwritten check for each of the 1,085 students and staff members at Paradise High School. The checks, which came with no restrictions, were presented at a gathering that felt healing to many. Cross and resurrection times are interwoven in this life, but the cross doesn't win. One day, God promises, resurrection will have the final word.

## Trading places

During a 2018 terrorist attack in France, Lt. Colonel Arnaud Beltrame sacrificed his life for a stranger's. He willingly swapped places with a store clerk who was being used as a human shield. After several hours of trying to end the stand-off, Beltrame was killed.

At the hero's funeral, President Emmanuel Macron said Beltrame knew the risk but realized “the example has to be set from the top.” And Father Jean-Baptiste said only the officer's faith could explain his sacrifice: Beltrame “knew, as Jesus said to us, that, ‘There is no greater love than to give one's life for one's friends.’ I believe that only a Christian faith moved by charity could [account] for this superhuman sacrifice.”

## SPECIAL DATES

Fifth Sunday in Lent, *April 7, 2019*

Holy Week, *April 14-21, 2019*

Palm/Passion Sunday, *April 14, 2019*

Maundy Thursday, *April 18, 2019*

Good Friday, *April 19, 2019*

Easter Sunday, *April 21, 2019*

Administrative Professionals Day, *April 24, 2019*



## *Peg's Page*

March 12, 2019

My Dear Ones,

On April 4 of this year I will have served as your pastor for nine years. The time has come for me to retire. The Penn Central Conference was notified about my decision the week of March 3. I announced my resignation to Consistory at the meeting held March 12. Although my contract/covenant designates a 60 day notice prior to resignation, I have given notice at 90 plus days. My last day will be Sunday, June 16.

Finding an interim pastor and beginning the process for the Search (for a permanent pastor) is difficult and time-consuming work. Given that the Penn Central Conference is undergoing its own transition, it seems wise to offer the church a longer period of preparation before my departure. I am confident, however, that the Conference will be able to guide and support Trinity during the church's changeover. Consistory will begin the work on finding an interim pastor as soon as possible and a Search Committee will be assigned the aforementioned difficult and time-consuming work. Naturally, other than a word or two of advice, general advice; I take no part in any of this.

I feel that our nine years together have been good. As with any relationship there have been ups and downs but I believe the ups have it. I am grateful to all of you for allowing me to be part of your lives, to celebrate your joys and to be present in your sorrows. I am truly thankful for our time together.

Church membership is not what it once was, but the church is not smaller in heart or in faith. The lay leadership is top-notch in music, property, finance, stewardship. Those who teach our youngsters, either on Sundays or during Vacation Bible School, are talented and dedicated. Consistory is efficient and thorough in its deliberations and decisions. The staff is outstanding. Trinity is truly blessed. New pastoral leadership will bring innovation and cultivate renewed enthusiasm throughout the church.

Once I leave, the interim pastor will be responsible for all pastoral duties. After June 16, I cannot and will not interfere or intrude in Trinity's life and ministry. I will not be available for "just one more" funeral or visit. This does not mean I no longer care or love you. You will always be beloved and I will pray for Trinity and each of you.

Yours in Christ,

*Pastor Peg*



Day	Name	Yrs.	Day	Name	Yrs.
5	Barbara and Donald Jackson	54	20	Ronald and Patricia Ruth	50
7	Anita and Dennis Rhodes	46	23	Ellen and Jim Oaster	36
10	Kim and Scott Rau	37	24	Angela and Andrew Krentler	37
14	Susi and Frederick Guinn	19	24	Joyce and Alan Zinneman	37
19	Leslie and Joey Baumgardner	39	30	Ruth and James Smith	36

**Note:** *If your anniversary was omitted, please contact the office to update your records.*



**Doris Keller**                      **April 4th**  
**Bernice Smith**                    **April 7th**  
**Dorothy Shaffer**                 **April 8th**

### VBS Planning Underway!

Trinity's Vacation Bible School plans for 2019 are in full swing! Our theme this year is "ROAR!—Life is wild. God is good." **Save the week—June 17-21 from 9-11:30am.** Children will enjoy an interactive, energizing, Bible-based good time as they discover their strength in God via Bible stories and verses, music, crafts, games, and snacks. Sign-up forms will be available in May.



As always we need you to volunteer, estimating 2 adults for 15 children which does not include session leaders and snack preparers. All adult volunteers must undergo the state-mandated background checks (free for volunteers) if they have not already done so. Please see Pastor Peg or Diane Betlyon to volunteer. They will give you information on background check sign-up. The background checks are easy and free, so please don't let that discourage you from helping. Be a blessing and be blessed in return. We really do need your help to have a successful VBS!

### **Attention Graduating Seniors!**

Trinity would like to recognize graduating seniors from both high school and college. If your son or daughter, grandchild, or you will be graduating in May or June, please contact the church office at 637-2233 or via e-mail at: info@trinityucchanover.org. Please provide the name of the graduate, the high school or college/university, and the name of the parent/parents if applicable. All graduates will be recognized during the worship service on Sunday, May 19th.

### **Thank you from the Stewardship Team**

The Stewardship Team would like to express their gratitude to all those who contributed to the *Hands to Gather, Hearts to Serve* campaign which benefits HACC's PAL Program and the Changing Lives Shelter. Thanks to your kind generosity we were once again able to provide much needed canned & dried goods and paper products to many folks in our community. As always, a special thanks to Steve and Ruth Weaver for transporting the donated goods to the Hanover Area Council of Churches.



### **Sheely-Hicks Endowed Scholarship**

The Sheely-Hicks Endowed Scholarship is for young people who are affiliated with Trinity UCC in Hanover, PA. Some restrictions apply. The restrictions are as follows:

- \*The scholarship is to be used in the following disciplines: music, languages, nursing, religion, Christian education, philosophy, economics and related majors, and political science.
- \*The scholarship is to be granted to Trinity affiliated youth for attendance at accredited liberal arts and science undergraduate colleges or theology schools.
- \*The applicant must demonstrate financial need (FAFSA).
- \*The applicant must hold a high school or prep school rank in the upper 1/3 of the class and maintain a minimum GPA of 2.5.

*Applications are available in the Trinity church office.*

### **Hartman Center 12th Annual Golf Outing Saturday, May 11th at 1:30pm Fairview Golf Course, Quentin (Lebanon County), PA**



Benefits Hartman Center Church Camp and Retreat Ministries and Camper Scholarships.

\$80 per golfer includes: greens fees, cart, golf, gifts & dinner.

Portion of fee is donation to Hartman Center outdoor ministries for youth of all ages.

Questions? Contact Dave Bushnell 717 371-2593 or abushnell@aol.com

*If interested stop by the Trinity church office to pick up a registration form.*

<b>April</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>28</b>
	Lent 5	Palm Sunday	Easter/Holy Communion	
<b>Consistory Team</b>	6	1	2	3
<b>Worship Leader</b>				
	Bill Foreman	Lorene Crooks	John Coulson	Katie Winhauer
<b>Young Adult Leader</b>				
	Caleb Leckrone	Aaden Reichart	Josiah Leckrone	Eric Leib
<b>Ushers</b>				
	Dean & Donna Nace	Jim Barnhart, Karl & Elaine Albin	Barb & Bob Williams	Scott & Stephanie Markle
<b>Fellowship Host</b>	Winhauer/ Spangler	Trailblazers	<b>No Gathering</b>	Albert Day & friends
<b>Altar Flower Sponsor</b>	Orendorff	Trinity	Noel	Kessel
<b>Chancel Flower Sponsor</b>	Open	Berwager	Open	Open
<b>Bulletin Sponsor</b>	Berwager	Stauffer	Rhodes	Albright

Please call the church office to schedule a flower or bulletin dedication for any available date. The cost is \$40 for altar flowers and \$25 for pedestal arrangements (plus tax), and \$20 for bulletins. If you would like to assist with ushering, please call the church office at 717-637-2233. Volunteers are always needed. Thank you.

## *April Trinity Times*

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#### **Trinity Staff:**

Rev. Peg Grzelkowski, Pastor

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Betsy Bristol, Secretary

Bill Spangler, Church Historian

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**April 15, 2019**