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## General Information:

### Worship Schedule:

Sunday Service

9:00am

Fellowship Time

10:00am

Sunday School

10:30am

### Office Hours:

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## Death doesn't win

In the final hours of 2021, a wildfire near Boulder, Colorado, destroyed 1,000 homes, including one belonging to Pastor Bill Stephens. His family, out of town at the time, lost all their possessions. After months of feeling buried in debris, insurance paperwork and mourning, Stephens decided that Easter 2022 would mark a fresh start.



During worship that morning, the pastor shared a photo of vibrant daffodils emerging on his charred property. Burned remnants were visible in the background, just as Easter's backdrop includes the pain and death of Good Friday. But the empty tomb in Easter's foreground means death won't win, reminded Stephens. Even when earthly life "isn't all daffodils," we have hope and eternal life through Jesus.

Easter reveals that God will "give us the joy, and it's going to be in the heart of pain that we go through as well," added the pastor. "And that just makes me draw closer to God."

## Vibrant belief

The disciples did not bother to try to understand the resurrection body. They doubted, and then they believed. They believed something so wonderful that it changed this broken, fragmented, beaten-down little group of men and women in a moment from depression to enthusiasm, from despair to new life, vibrant and unafraid.

—Madeleine L'Engle, *The Rock That Is Higher*



## Special dates

- Holy Week, April 2-9, 2023
- Palm/Passion Sunday, April 2, 2023
- Maundy Thursday, April 6, 2023
- Good Friday, April 7, 2023
- Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023
- Administrative Professionals Day, April 26, 2023



## One Life and One Chance

Former President Jimmy Carter, as of this writing, is in hospice care and not expected to live much longer. But his legacy will live on. He is a U.S. president who will be known as much for what he accomplished after his presidency as for what he did during his presidency. His many long years of public service in Habitat for Humanity are well known. And the Carter Center has been involved in many humanitarian and peace-keeping efforts world-wide.

The Carter Center has also been instrumental in working with many nations to eradicate a parasitic disease known as river blindness in many parts of Africa and Central America. It is the leading cause of preventable blindness in the world, affecting over 20 million people. The Carter Center works with national health agencies to provide public education and distribution of the Merck drug Mectizan to treat the condition. In Africa, where more than 99 percent of the global cases exist, the Center and its partners have successfully interrupted or eliminated river blindness transmission in parts of Ethiopia, Nigeria, Sudan and Uganda. Similar success has been reached in Central America.

There was a cover story for The New York Times Magazine written in 1995; and in it, Carter is interviewed after cleaning his local church's yard then flying the next day to Bosnia to try to negotiate a cease fire. Carter says, "**I have one life and one chance to make it count for something.** I'm free to choose what that something is, and the something I've chosen is my faith. Now, my faith goes beyond theology and religion and requires considerable work and effort. My faith demands—this is not optional—**my faith demands that I do whatever I can, wherever I can, whenever I can, for as long as I can with whatever I have, to try to make a difference.**"

Writer Chelsea Harmon observes: "As most of us are aware, Carter kept this practice to the last years of his life—helping to build Habitat for Humanity homes even as his health and strength waned into his mid-nineties. In his commitment, Carter answered the challenge Jesus gives us in John 9:4, as he heals the blind man: "We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in this world, I am the light of the world."



Each of us has one life and one chance to make it count for something. We have been deputized through our baptism to be the light of the world. As such, we are called to join in God's clean-up, or "make-over" of the world. We call that clean-up--Easter! Everything is brand new with new possibilities. Whether we build houses, volunteer at the soup kitchen, love our neighbor, or simply pray for a broken world--we each have the opportunity to make a life that counts for something. We are Easter people, moving forward in faith to help build the kingdom of God.

See you in church,  
Pastor Kim



Day	Name	Yrs.	Day	Name	Yrs.
5	Barbara and Donald Jackson	58	23	Ellen and Jim Oaster	40
7	Anita and Dennis Rhodes	50	24	Angela and Andrew Krentler	41
10	Kim and Scott Rau	41	24	Joyce and Alan Zinneman	41
20	Ronald and Patricia Ruth	54			

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



**Mary McMaster**

**April 20th**

**Charlotte Lobach**

**April 29th**



*I want to thank everyone for the visits, good wishes,  
and prayers while I was at rehabilitation.*

*Thank you so much!*

*God Bless You,*

*Barb Forry*

### **Hartman Center Homecoming Camp**

Penn Central Conference invites you to join them for “HC Spirit 2023” at Hartman Center in Milroy, PA. Penn Central is returning as guests at the campground during the week of July 31st-August 5th. The theme this year is “This is Our Prayer.” There are numerous camps available for 2, 3 or 5 night stays. Penn Central Conference will pay 50% of camp fees for every camper. If you would like more information or would like to register, please contact the church office.





**Palm Sunday, April 2 at 9:00am**

*On this day we celebrate our Lord's entry into Jerusalem.*

**Maundy Thursday (Service of Shadows) April 6 at 7pm**

*This service will include Holy Communion and the traditional order for Tenebrae.*

**Easter Sunday, April 9 at 9:00am**

*We celebrate the joyous occasion of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be offered.*



It hardly seems possible but Vacation Bible School is just around the corner and planning is underway! Block out the week of **June 19-23** on your calendar. Volunteers will be needed so be thinking about how or where you can help. We hope your children, grandchildren, and neighbor kids will attend. Also, our friends from Emmanuel UCC will once again be joining us. Stay tuned for more info in the coming weeks!

**Ushers & Fellowship Hosts Needed**

We are in need of both fellowship hosts and ushers on Sunday mornings. If you would like to volunteer, sign-up sheets with dates have been posted on the narthex bulletin board. Many thanks to our fellowship hosts and usher volunteers!

**Congratulations on new addition!**

Congratulations to Syree & Rachel Berry on the birth of their son, Miles Aven Berry. Miles was born March 9th and weighed 7 lbs. 15 oz. Miles has an older sister, Quinn. Proud grandparents are Scott & Ellie Rebert. Scott has a special bond with Miles since they share the same birthday!



## *April Trinity Times*

### **Trinity United Church of Christ**

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