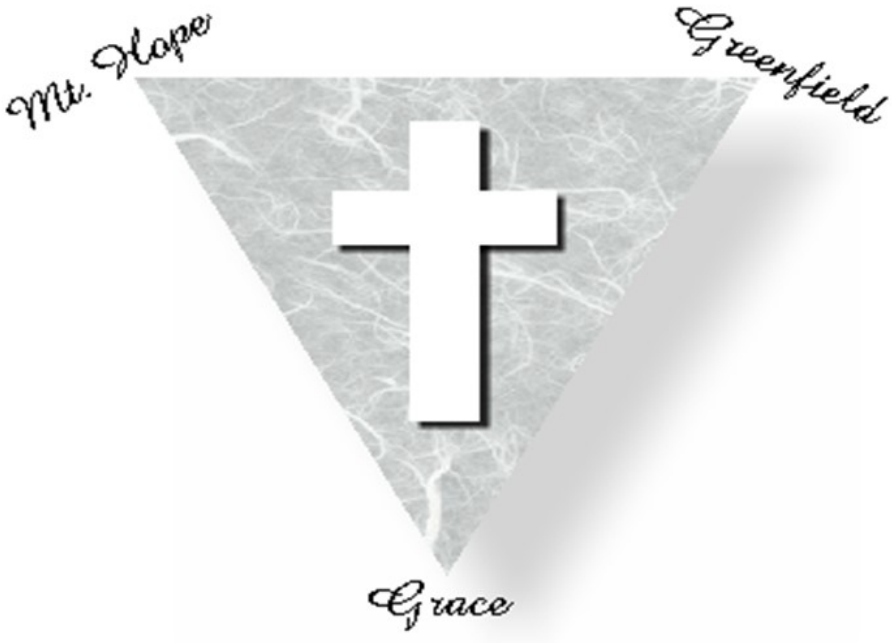
THE TRINITY Gazette

First Quarter, 2018

The Greenfield Charge



United Church of Christ

LEADING THE CHARGE!

A Message from Pastor Bob

"Arise, shine; For your light has come!
And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you.
For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people;
But the LORD will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you."
Isaiah 60:1-3 NKJV

"Arise, shine!" says the prophet Isaiah. What a great thought to begin a new year.

We have been given the gift of Jesus - the light of the world. The light shines in the darkness. And, the darkness is powerless to extinguish it.

Do not shrink back from the coming year. Do not hide in the shadows. Walk boldly. Arise, Shine! Walk boldly. Emmanuel walks with us. Amen.

Thank-You
I want to thank-you all for the wonderful Advent and Christmas. Thank-you to all that attended the Services and thank-you to all that helped with the Services.

Thank-you for all the cards and gifts – I am truly BLESSED to be your pastor and to have you all as part of our ministry.

I pray that the light of the Christ child shines upon you throughout the new year and throughout the ages. Amen.

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Operation Christmas Child

The Greenfield Charge presented **57** shoeboxes to Operation Child in November. We had an even number of boxes per age group. Thanks to those who donated boxes and/or money for shoeboxes. Our numbers were lower than last year (74 in 2016) but each shoebox counts and hopefully we were able to put a few smiles on the children's faces to those who received them!

For those that prepared their labels online, you can visit the following link to find out where your shoebox was sent. You only need your email address or Bar Code Number

https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/follow-your-box-lookup

Shoeboxes that Wendy sent, including those who gave her money to do shoeboxes, were sent to **Kenya** on Dec 9th. If you followed your shoebox, please let Jeanne know where it went and we'll publish the different destinations in the next newsletter!

Grace Church has been blessed with several new helpers in the church this year. The church appreciates all these volunteers - and all are under the age of 20 and as young as 2. The Video Crew is made up of Kaitlyn Farber and Bradon Furry with supervision from Jeff Farber. The Offering Ushers consist of Callum Furry, Hannah Bowmaster, Braden Furry, Hayden Corrigan, Jacob Claar and Brandon Reynolds with Rick Walter in charge and fill-ins from Robin Pozgar. Outside Message Board Crew is made up of Aaron Reynolds, Leah Farber with Rick as supervisor. From the comments 'I did it!' and the high fives from the kids, I believe we can say that they enjoy helping. Thanks to ALL our volunteers for your time, dedication and service to our church.

Lectionary Texts for First Quarter, 2018

	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Gospel
First Sunday after Epiphany – the Baptism of Christ January 7	Genesis 1:1-5	Acts 19:1-7	Mark 1:4-11
Second Sunday after Epiphany January 14	1 Samuel 3:1-20	1 Corinthians 6:12-20	John 1:43-51
Third Sunday after Epiphany January 21	Jonah 3:1-10	1 Corinthians 7:29-31	Mark 1:14-20
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany January 28	Deuteronomy 18:15-20	1 Corinthians 8:1-13	Mark 1:21-28
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany February 4	Isaiah 40:21-31	1 Corinthians 9:16-23	Mark 1:29-39
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany February 11	2 Kings 2:1-12	2 Corinthians 4:3-6	Mark 9:2-9
Ash Wednesday February 14	Isaiah 58:1-12	2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10	Matthew 6:16-21
First Sunday in Lent February 18	Genesis 9:8-17	1 Peter 3:18-22	Mark 1:9-15
Second Sunday in Lent February 25	Genesis 17:1-16	Romans 4:13-25	Mark 8:31-38

Lectionary Texts for First Quarter, 2018 cont.

	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Gospel
Third Sunday in Lent March 4	Exodus 20:1-17	1 Corinthians 1:18-25	John 2:13-22
Fourth Sunday in Lent March 11	Numbers 21:4-9	Ephesians 2:1-10	John 3:14-21
Fifth Sunday in Lent March 18	Jeremiah 32:31-34	Hebrews 5:5-10	John 12:20-33
Palm Sunday March 25	Mark 11:1-11	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Mark 15:1-39
Maundy Thursday Service March 29	Exodus 12:1-14	1 Corinthians 11:23-26	John 13:1-17
Good Friday Service March 30	Isaiah 52:13-53:12	Hebrews 10:16-25	John 18:1-19:42
Easter Sunday April 1	Isaiah 25:6-9	Acts 10:34-43	John 20:1-18

W.I.N.G.S
(Women Into Nurturing God's Spirit)

The next regularly scheduled WINGS meeting is Monday, March 19th at 7pm at Greenfield. This is subject to change depending on the timing of the Homewood March birthday party since we will need to plan the event. Please watch the bulletin for updates.

Greenfield Charge
Schedule of Church Services First Quarter, 2018

DATE	CHURCH	SPECIAL SERVICE	TIME
JOINT SERVICE First Sunday after Epiphany The Baptism of Christ January 7	**GREENFIELD**	**Joint Consistory Meeting**	**10:00am**
Second Sunday after Epiphany January 14	All 3 Churches		Regular Services
Third Sunday after Epiphany January 21	All 3 Churches		Regular Services
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany January 28	All 3 Churches		Regular Services
JOINT SERVICE Fifth Sunday after Epiphany February 4	**GRACE**		**10:00am**
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany Transfiguration February 11	All 3 Churches		Regular Services
Ash Wednesday February 14	**GRACE**	**COMMUNION**	**7:00pm**
First Sunday in Lent February 18	All 3 Churches	**COMMUNION**	Regular Services
Second Sunday in Lent February 25	All 3 Churches		Regular Services

Greenfield Charge
Schedule of Church Services First Quarter, 2018 cont.

DATE	CHURCH	SPECIAL SERVICE	TIME
JOINT SERVICE Third Sunday in Lent March 4	**MT. HOPE**	**Pre-Service Bible Study at 9:30am**	**10:00am**
Fourth Sunday in Lent March 11	All 3 Churches		Regular Services
Fifth Sunday in Lent March 18	All 3 Churches		Regular Services
JOINT SERVICE Palm Sunday March 25	**GREENFIELD**	**Pre-Service Bible Study at 9:30am**	**10:00am**
Maundy Thursday Service March 29	**GRACE**	**COMMUNION Covered Dish Dinner at 6:00pm**	**Service at 7:00pm**
Good Friday Service March 30	**GREENFIELD**		**7:00pm**
Easter Egg Hunt March 31	**MT. HOPE**		**1:00pm**
Easter Sunday April 1	All 3 Churches	**COMMUNION**	Regular Services

Bible Study—is on winter hiatus and will start back up April 11th (the 2nd or 4th Wednesday following Easter). A topic has not been picked yet. If anyone has an idea, please let Wendy know.

Trinity Gazette Newsletter Briefs

Leo Update
Leo and I have been placed on "Injured Reserve" pending my recovery from hip surgery.

Leo and Nancy start a class called "Rally Free Elements" on January 11, 2018. The class is known as "Dancing with your Dog." Leo and Nancy will develop a routine to music. It will be fun for both of them.

"Before the Sermon" Bible Study
Our next "Before the Homily" Bible Study will be on March 4, 2018 prior to the Joint Service at Mt. Hope.

February 14, 2018 – Ash Wednesday
The Lenten Season starts with our Ash Wednesday Service at Grace. Service starts at 7:00 PM and includes Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion.

Lenten Services
Our Wednesday evening Lenten Services have been canceled for this year. We will continue to hold these Lenten Services in 2019.

March 25, 2018 – Psalm Sunday
On Psalm Sunday, we will hold a Joint Service at Greenfield at 10:00 AM. The Joint Choir will sing – always a treat for all of us. Joint us as we kick off Holy Week 2018.

Holy Week Services

March 29 Maundy Thursday Service
Maundy Thursday Service will be at Grace. We start with a Cover Dish Meal at 6:00 PM, followed by the Service at 7:00 PM with Holy Communion.

March 30 Good Friday Service
Good Friday Service is at Greenfield at 7:00 PM.

Easter Egg Hunt
Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held at Mt. Hope on March 31 at 1:00 PM. All children are invited to attend.

April 1 - Easter Sunday Services
Easter Sunday Services will be held at all three churches at the regular time. All three Services will have Holy Communion, as well as Special Music. Please plan on attending the most Holy Day of our Christian Faith.

Joint Consistory Meetings
The Joint Consistory will meet following the Joint Services on January 7, 2018 and May 6, 2018.

Confirmation Class
The Confirmation Class Schedule will be revised. Our next Confirmation Class is scheduled for February 18, 2018 at 3;00 PM at Greenfield.

Congratulations
Nicole Gustkey received her Associate Degree in Nursing in December. Nicole is the daughter of Steve Burket. Nicole overcame major health issues to graduate. Congratulations Nicole!

Video Recording Project

If you miss a Service and/or would like to watch a Service, let Pastor Bob know and he will get you the recording. Likewise, if you know someone who would like to see a Service, just let Pastor Bob know.

The Trinity Gazette

The Trinity Gazette is published on a quarterly basis.

The Trinity Gazette is available on the Church's Web site and hard copies are being distributed at each of the three churches. If you are not receiving it or if you know of someone who would enjoy our publication, let me know and we will get the names on our distribution list.

Church Web Site is www.greenfieldcharge.org

We invite everyone to submit articles and/or information to Jeanne Mowry or Pastor Bob. The deadline for information submission is the 15th of the month prior to publication.

Newsletter Team

The Newsletter Team has finalized a distribution list. The distribution list will be used to mail out copies of The Trinity Gazette to those who do not pick up their copy at church. This will ensure that The Trinity Gazette is being received by everyone in the congregations and by our friends.

If you know of someone that would like to receive our publication, please give the name(s) to Pastor Bob or Jeanne.

Team Members:

Jeanne Mowry
Robin Pozgar
Wendy Farber
Pastor Bob

START THE NEW YEAR WITH A POSITIVE ATTITUDE

Seven Cardinal Rules In Life Everyone Should Know About

1.Make peace with your past, so it doesn't spoil your present. Your past does not define your future – your actions and beliefs do.

2.What others think of you is none of your business. It's how much you value yourself and how important you think you are.

3.Time heals almost everything, give time, time. Pain will be less hurting. Scars make us who we are; they explain our life and why we are the way we are. They challenge us and force us to be stronger.

4.No one is the reason for your own happiness, except you yourself. Waste no time and effort searching for peace and contentment and joy in the world outside.

5.Don't compare your life with others', you have no idea what their journey is all about. If we all threw our problems in a pile and saw everyone else's, we would grab ours back as fast as we could.

6.Stop thinking too much, it's alright not to know all the answers. Sometime there is no answer, not going to be any answer, never has been an answer. That's the answer! Just accept it, move on!

7.Smile, you don't own all the problems in the world. A smile can brighten the darkest day and make life more beautiful. It is a potential curve to turn a life around and set everything straight.

Lifehack -January 9, 2014

Please be sure to notify Wendy or Robin if you have any additions or changes to the prayer lists.

January, February & March Birthdays and Anniversaries

January Birthdays

2nd Mike Boyer
3rd Roger Corle
9th Lisa Pejack
12th Barry Barnes
15th KyLeigh Alexander
15th Dolores Berkhimer
16th Rick Walter
26th Roger Knisely

February Birthdays

3rd Susie Bivens
8th Samuel Gordon
10th Megan Weyandt
11th Mabel King
12th Aaron Hobaugh
14th David Burket, Jr.
18th Ronnette Kranik
21st Cathy Barnes
21st Rachel Pejack
24th Mark Zumbro

March Birthdays

1st Diana Berkhimer
1st Sarah Ebersole
5th Zane Helsel
7th Karen Stombaugh
13th John Burket
14th Ted Reynolds
15th Erika Reynolds
15th Susan Tremmel
16th Tessa Knisely
17th Joel Claar
18th Aaron Reynolds
19th Anita Foy
20th Tammy Claycomb
21st Hayden Corrigan
24th Andrew Pejack
25th Wendy Farber
26th Zachary Claycomb
27th Dennis Cowher
28th Elizabeth Yoder
29th Laura Alexander
29th Landon Hobaugh

January Anniversaries

8th Pat & Bonnie Black
8th Alvin & Karen Stombaugh

February Anniversaries

6th Zane Helsel & Joni Elliott

If there are any additions or corrections to the birthday/anniversary lists, please contact Emily Corle. THANKS!

March Anniversaries

14th Wyatt & Elizabeth Yoder
15th Dick & Donna Finnegan
29th Bob & Nancy Penner