

Hospitalized since our last issue: Donna Bailey, Elaine Moore

Our condolences to Dawn Riutta and family on the death of her husband Ed on April 8.

Rev. David Liscomb died April 6. He was pastor at Trinity UMC from 1973 to 1982.

Congratulations to Anthony and Shannon (Barnes) Sleik on the birth of a daughter, Malia Marie, on March 24. Grandparents are Terry and Joanne Barnes.

“Thank you so much for all the prayers, cards, food, and support for our family during Jack’s illness and passing. We are very blessed to have so many caring people in our church family.”—The family of Jack Nord

“To our Trinity UMC family, thank you so much for the card and gift cards! Especially in this strange semester, it’s wonderful to know people at home are thinking of us. We hope everyone is healthy and safe! Thank you again, and God bless!”

—Jade, Ian, and Kane Driscoll



Our Engaged Ministry Team’s Mission of the Month for April is the Alpha Omega House on Brown Street in Iron Mountain. The house is zoned for eight residents and was opened in 2013 as an extension of the jail ministry.

During their stay, the men are offered assistance in finding employment, housing, transportation, substance abuse, and mental health services.

Alpha Omega House is a community outreach under Catholic Social Services of the Upper Peninsula. Donations fund most of the home’s budget, and the center is run almost exclusively by volunteers.

The mission of Alpha Omega House is to provide a safe housing environment based on mutual dignity and respect, promote well-being, and encourage positive social contribution through faith. The facility serves our community by providing a sober living environment for men transitioning from addiction to sobriety. Please give to our April Mission of the Month.

Thank you for turning in cash register tapes from Econo Foods and Super One Foods. Please don’t cut off any portion of the receipts! We need the entire receipt. We also collect UPCs from Our Family brand products. Money that we receive for the receipts goes to the General Fund. A collection box is on the bulletin board by the west door to the Sanctuary.

Committee Information

Church Council, Monday, April 19, 6:30 p.m., ZOOM

Staff Parish, Tuesday, April 20, 4:00 p.m., ZOOM will be available

Matthew 18, Tuesday, April 27, 6:00 p.m., ZOOM will be available

Finance Committee, Thursday, May 13, 6:30 p.m., ZOOM

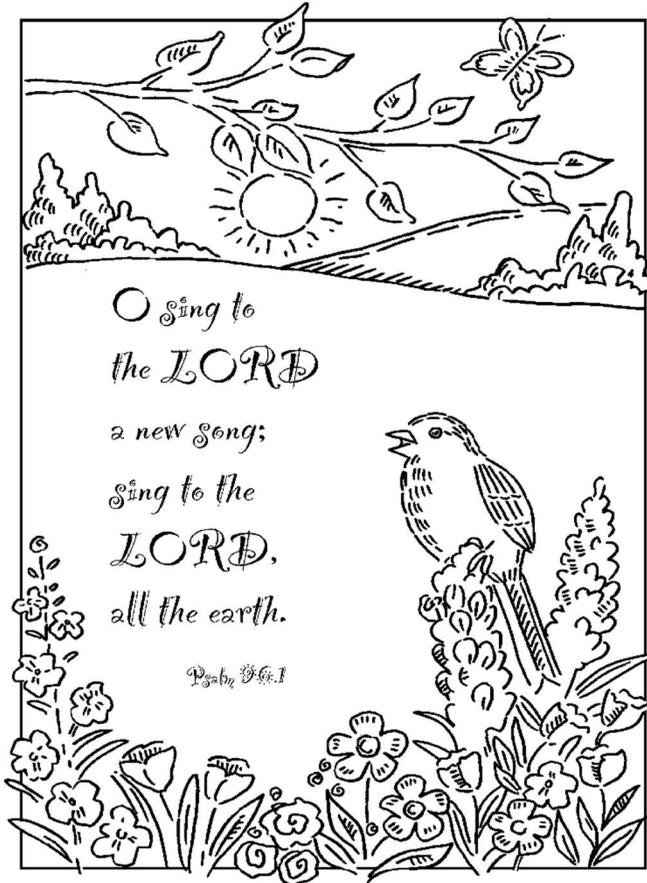
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Resurrection Worship—April 2021
Theme: Sing a New Song of Resurrection

Resurrection Prayer

O God, You who are always doing a new thing,
we confess that we sometimes close windows
against the fresh air of new ideas,
against the noise of other people's worries,
against the winds of change.

God of every place and time,
we confess that we often draw the curtains
against people who are different,
against world news or community concerns.

Forgive us our insulation in our locked homes,
our shuttered churches,
the security systems on our hearts.
Open up our lives, and let your Spirit blow through. Amen.
— posted blog. <http://revgalprayerpals.blogspot.ca/>

Scriptures

April 11 John 20:19 - 22, Psalm 149:1
April 18 Luke 24:36 - 42, Psalm 40:3
April 25 John 10:11 - 18, Psalm 96:1

Sermons

April 11 'Sing a New Song'
April 18 'Awareness: Seeing in a New Way'
April 25 'A Deeper Understanding'

New Songs

April 11 'When Our Confidence is Shaken'
April 18 'The Church of Christ in Every Age'
April 25 'I Am Your Mother' (Earth Day song)

Benediction

May the song you sing in your heart be pleasing to God,
moving you to the passion and compassion of Jesus,
uplifted by a Spirit that keeps you humming life's tune of love.



This Sermon by Phone service has been disconnected due to the minimal use it receives. Please call the office if you need more information. (906)774-2545.



Graduation Sunday will be celebrated Sunday, May 16, and we want to include a recognition of high school, college, and community college graduates, and any other educational completion event in your life.

Please call the office, (906)774-2545, by **Sunday, May 2,** and let us know the good news of your achievement, so we can rejoice with you and thank God for your gifts and efforts. We are happy to include anyone who participates in the life of this Trinity UM Church...including grandchildren and adult learners!

Graduating high school seniors, please submit to the church office by Sunday, May 2 five or six photos of yourself through the years (they'll be returned), and also tell us of your activities in high school and your plans for the future, which we'll publish in the Trinity Times.

FYI –Next Steps Even as the Pandemic continues to rage its way through Michigan and the world, we at Trinity are looking toward better days ahead. Yes, THIS HAS GONE ON LONG ENOUGH. That's for sure!

Here are our thoughts for the near future that will be discussed over the next couple of weeks:

- It's time to put the cushions back on the seats in the Sanctuary and the Bibles and Hymnals in the pews.
- An Order of Worship template will be created for use on Sunday mornings, while the Trinity Times bulletin format will continue to be sent out twice a month.
- The building will continue to be open for Worship, Joy Crafters, committee meetings if desired, AA meetings, with the mandate that 'Masks are Required' and 'Social Distancing is Expected.' (ZOOM will continue to be an option.)

We would like to think that perhaps early September is a time when we could resume Sunday School, youth activities, and the nursery. Longer range, we look forward to someday again serving food, singing in the Sanctuary, passing the plate of the offering, serving Communion without the little packaging challenge. The following Dickinson County information is being used to assist with the decision-making: Infection rate, death rate, vaccination saturation, and the actions of public schools and restaurants.

Church Council has assigned a sub-group with representatives from Finance, Trustees, and Staff Parish to help with recommendations for 'Next Steps.' You can help them by emailing, calling, or mailing to Trinity your suggestions about: 'What will make you feel safe enough to return to the building for Worship and other activities?'

Your patience and consideration during this time has been a true gift to the congregation. How wonderful that we can trust people to do what they think is best for their personal circumstances, while respecting the decisions and choices of others who feel differently. God bless us all as we continue to live our way through these challenging times.