From the Pastor’s Study

Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit.

Psalm 32:1-2

Lent is our annual 6-week journey to walk with Jesus to the cross. Over the course of this season, we journey with Jesus through the events that led him to the cross. Lent is a season of contemplation. As we prepare for Easter, we may choose to spend more time in prayer or reading the Bible. We may choose to read through the book of the Psalms and pray them as we read. We may choose to deny ourselves something we love through the practice of “giving up” something or adding something new to our lives. Perhaps we will give up watching TV and start spending time meditating on the Sermon on the Mount. Perhaps we will give up desserts and start reading a daily devotional.

I would like to encourage our congregation to work to intentionally listen to God in this season of Lent. As we pray, let us also have quiet time with God. Where is God leading us? Where is God leading our congregation? What ministries is God calling us to engage in our community?

Our location in Skippack offers our congregation many opportunities. Like every small town in America (and every large city as well), we have neighbors who are hurting. Every day, I hear stories of people who have children who are addicted to drugs. Every day, I hear stories of women and men who are ashamed of their mental health struggles. Every day, I hear stories of people who can’t pay their bills and are living close to falling off a financial cliff. Every day, I hear stories of new diagnoses and new health wrinkles. Every day, I hear stories of people who are lonely and isolated.

How is God calling us, the people of Trinity Christian United Church of Christ, to be in relationship with our hurting neighbors? And, how can we help them and share God’s love with them when at the same time, we are also people with hurts.

One of our commitments as a church is to reach out to our neighbors through the work of the Daily Bread Community Food Pantry. Last year, we began the tradition of collecting new socks for the clients and families who come to the pantry in need. On the first Maundy Thursday, Jesus washed the feet of his disciples. In our community, we have many neighbors who don’t have spare money to obtain new socks to wear on these cold winter days. I pray that those of us who are able will contribute to our Lenten sock collection. We will dedicate our socks at our Maundy Thursday service and pray for those who receive them.

I pray we will all have a blessed Lenten season and be diligent as we prepare to journey with Jesus to the Cross.

Pastor Amelie

Rejoice in the LORD and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!

Psalm 32:11
## Skippack Community Lenten Services

**Theme:** “Jesus’ Healing Miracles”

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### EASTER SERVICES

**4/9 - Maundy Thursday**
- Soup Dinner - 6:00 PM
- Service - 7:30 PM

**4/10 - Good Friday**
- Service - 7:30 PM

**4/12 - Easter Sunday**
- Sunrise Service - 7:30 AM
- Easter Breakfast - 8:00 AM
- Easter Craft - 9:00 AM
- Easter Egg Hunt - 9:30 AM
- Worship Service - 10:15 AM
EASTER FLOWERS
Orders will be taken for Easter Lilies and Tulips, beginning Sunday, March 1st. Envelopes will be available on the table in the Narthex. Price is $7.00. Make checks payable to Trinity Christian UCC and place your envelope in the offering plate. Color choices for 6-bloom tulips are dark purple, orange, pink, red, white, yellow, or 2-tone (red & yellow or red & white).

Deadline for orders is Sunday, March 29th. Plants may be taken home after the 10:15 Easter service.

DESIGNER BAG BINGO
Come join the fun while supporting the church!

Friday, March 6
Doors open at 6:00 pm/Play begins at 7:00 pm
Tickets: $25 in advance/$30 at the door
For tickets, contact Nancy Gallagher at 610-584-1468.

Refreshments will be available for purchase.

• Bring a canned good to support the Daily Bread Community Food Pantry and receive a raffle ticket.

HOAGIE SALE
Saturday, March 7th
Pick-up 10-1 or until sell-out
$6.00
Italian, Turkey, Ham and Cheese
Maundy Thursday Sock Drive

As Jesus and his disciples gathered in the Upper Room for the Last Supper, Jesus told them to continue to care for each other just as Jesus cared for them. This Lenten season, as we prepare our hearts for the events of Holy Week, we will also have a sock drive for the families who benefit from the Daily Bread Community Food Pantry. Please bring new socks to church and place them in the basket at the Food Pantry Collection site in the Narthex. We will present them with our offerings at our Maundy Thursday service.

Daily Bread Community Food Pantry

During Lent please remember those in need. Count your blessings and help others. Remember Lenten foods! Also, think forward to the celebration of Easter and what you would serve at your table is what these people would like to serve at theirs. Thank you for your continued generosity. Bless you for your help.

New Aerobic Rhythmics classes will be held here Wednesdays and Fridays at 9:30 AM beginning March 4 through April 24.

All ages and abilities. Free one week trial. 20% off for members. Visit www.aerobicrhythmics.com for class info and registration.
Every Good Gift now in the Willow Grove Mall!

You can now find Every Good Gift products in the Willow Grove Mall at the Women of Willow Grove store.

The Women of Willow Grove provides networking and programs for women to strengthen business, community, and self. Their store is an artisan collective and showcases beautiful handmade ceramics, beauty products, photography, hats, scarves, jewelry, handbags, dog treats, and more. It now includes a display of gift baskets and small gifts by Every Good Gift. The store is on the second floor, Bloomingdale’s wing. Please stop by and look for our display.

Five Years
March of this year will mark five years since Every Good Gift was incorporated. We started working with the women in the fall of that year. Since then 56 women have worked with Every Good Gift, and we are thankful for each one. Some stayed only days, but most remained with us for several months or longer. It is always encouraging to hear from a graduate who is in a stable job, has found her own housing, has gotten a driver’s license, or is calling for prayer.

Recent Workshop Topics
- Getting Along with People
- Personal finances
- Manners and rude behavior
- Calling out from work – good and bad reasons and how to do it

Bible Studies
- Seeing God through Isaiah 40
- Jesus Looks Us in the Eye
- Assignment from the movie Overcomer: List what is true about believers in Ephesians 1 and 2. We listed nearly 30 truths!
- Wisdom in Proverbs
- Suffering – why it happens

The Volunteers
Volunteers are asked to come to EGG at least once per month. Some come monthly; others come bi-monthly, weekly, or daily. We are blessed to have these volunteers pouring into the young moms who work with EGG. There are many ways to be involved. Please get in touch if you would like to join us to teach a workshop, provide child care, serve as a mentor, or help in some other way.

Jill Page
jillpage@everygoodgift.org
EASTER EGG HUNT
Sunday, April 12 - 9:30 AM

The Christian Education Committee needs donations of small candy and trinkets to fill this year’s eggs. Donations of small toys, books, games, etc. will be accepted as well. Please place all donations in the basket on the table in the Narthex.

“Make Change With Change”

You aren’t familiar with the “Make Change With Change” jar? This jar is on the food pantry table by the front door in the church narthex. There are also empty pint jars on the table. Feel free to make a contribution to the large jar on the table or take a pint jar home to collect your loose change. After your jar is filled, you can bring it back and pour your loose change into the large jar. When the “Make Change With Change” jar gets partially full, we use the change to purchase gift cards to use when people come to us with emergencies.

If you know someone that is in need of emergency assistance that could benefit from our “Make Change With Change” jar, please contact Pastor Amelie.

Our “Make Change With Change” jar is another way that we can share our blessings and make a difference in the lives of our neighbors in need!

SAVE THE DATE!
Superheroes Dinner
Saturday, April 25 - 6:00 PM
(Watch for details.)
This year’s VBS is cave themed. We need lots of help!! The next two meetings will be held on:

**March 19th at 7:00 PM**  
**April 15th at 6:00 PM**

VBS will be held June 26, 27 and 28, with the Church Picnic to follow on the 28th.

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**Playcrafters of Skippack Presents**  
**“Enchanted April”**

Two London housewives rent a villa in Italy along with two upper-class women for a ladies-only holiday weekend. The four initially clash, but begin to bond and bloom—until men upset the balance.

**Thursday, April 23, 2020**  
**Curtain at:** 8:00 PM  
**Tickets:** $25.00  
**Refreshments - Beverages - Gift Basket Raffles**  
**Doors open at 7:00 PM**

Benefits the Skippack Business Owner’s Association.  
See Nancy Gallagher for tickets - 610-584-1468.

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**NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY**

Church directory photos will be taken on May 8th and 9th. Sign up over the next few weeks. Harry Crossgrove is looking for volunteers to help create the directory. If you have questions, call Harry at 610-584-0843.

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**Save the Date!!**  
**CHICKEN BARBECUE**  
**Saturday, May 16th**
March:
3/3  Sam Crossgrove, Jr.
3/8  Marge Brown
3/9  Craig Brown
3/11 Fenton Crossgrove
3/12 Adele Hayes
3/13 Katie Becker
3/24 Gail Friel
3/25 Nan Burch
3/27 Zachary Morris
3/29 Billie Shaffer - 105!!!

April:
4/1  Phyllis Slotterback
4/9  Ralien Besch
4/14 Damiano Riccitelli
4/18 Ryan Kamnik
4/20 Ian Morris

May:
5/10 Susan Vogl
5/17 Evelyn Rader
5/19 Lottie Verruni
5/28 Benjamin Webb