

CONNECTIONS

A NEW THING STORIES OF TRANSFORMATION



EXPLORING THE BOOK OF ACTS

Starting in April, we will be looking at and learning from stories of transformation in the Book of Acts. Through the unlikely stories of Simon the Sorcerer, Saul the Murderer, and the Ethiopian Eunuch, we'll witness how the Spirit was at work in the early church and how these stories help us see the Spirit at work in our own stories today.

Upcoming Services

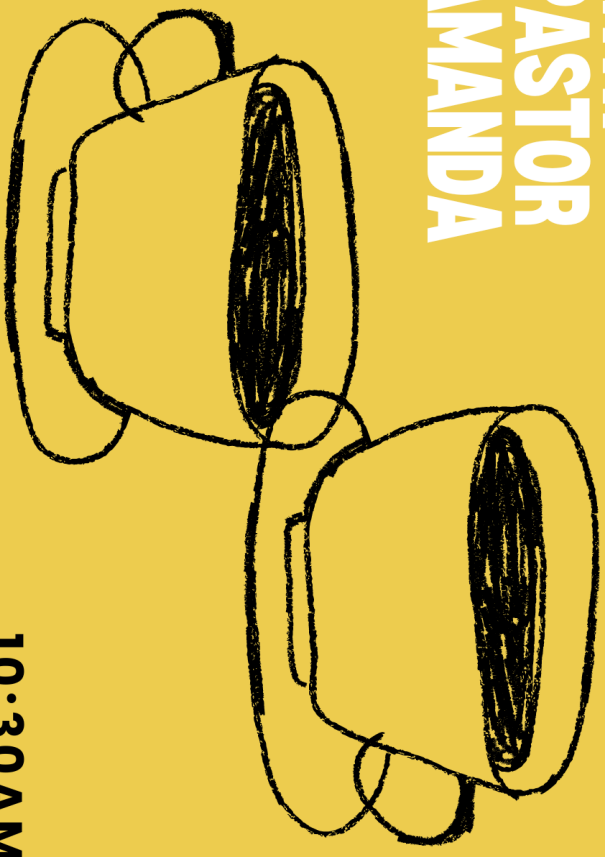
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| April 7: | <i>Communion</i> Guest Pastor Eric Peterson Luke 24:13-35 Broken Bread and Burning Hearts |
| April 14: | Guest Pastor Carlos Lopez |
| April 21: | Acts 8:9-25 The Story of Simon the Sorcerer |
| April 28: | Acts 8:26-40 The Story of the Ethiopian Outsider |
| May 5: | <i>Communion</i> Acts 9:1-19 The Story of Saul the Murderer |

EMERGENCY Phone Numbers

- When in sorrow...call **John 14.**
 - When men fail you...call **Psalm 27.**
 - If you want to be fruitful...call **John 15.**
 - When you have sinned...call **Psalm 51.**
 - When you worry...call **Matthew 6:19-34.**
 - When you are in danger...call **Psalm 91.**
 - When God seems far away...call **Psalm 139.**
 - When your faith needs stirring...call **Hebrews 11.**
 - When you are lonely and fearful...call **Psalm 23.**
 - When you grow bitter and critical...call **I Corinthians 13.**
 - For Paul's secret to happiness...call **Colossians 3:12-17.**
 - For understanding of Christianity...call **II Corinthians 5:15-19.**
 - When you feel down and out...call **Romans 8:31.**
 - When you want peace and rest...call **Matthew 11:25-30.**
 - When the world seems bigger than God...call **Psalm 90.**
 - When you want Christian assurance...call **Romans 8:1-30.**
 - When you leave home for labor or travel...call **Psalm 121.**
 - When your prayers grow narrow or selfish...call **Psalm 67.**
 - For a great invention/opportunity...call **Isaiah 55.**
 - When you want courage for a task...call **Joshua 1.**
 - For how to get along with fellow men...call **Romans 12.**
 - When you think of investments and returns...call **Mark 10.**
 - If you are depressed...call **Psalm 27.**
 - If your pocketbook is empty...call **Psalm 37.**
 - If you are losing confidence in people...call **I Corinthians 13.**
 - If people seem unkind...call **John 15.**
 - If discouraged about your work...call **Psalm 126.**
 - If you find the world growing small and yourself great...call **Psalm 19.**
- Alternate numbers:
- For dealing with fear, call **Psalm 34:7.**
 - For security, call **Psalm 121:3.**
 - For assurance, call **Mark 8:35.**
 - For reassurance, call **Psalm 145:18.**
- Emergency numbers may be dialed direct.
 No operator assistance is necessary.
 All lines to Heaven are open 24 hours a day!
 Feed your faith, and doubt will starve to death!!!
KEEP THE FAITH.....DONT BE SHY....CALL GOD.....AND HE WILL ANSWER.....

TUESDAY COFFEE

WITH PASTOR AMANDA



10:30AM

While I've met many folks, there's always more to learn about each other. And there's folks I haven't gotten to know yet. Let's have coffee together!

I'm setting aside every Tuesday morning at 10:30am for coffee. Your house. A local coffee shop. My office. Whatever works best for you!

Just sign up in the Church Office for an upcoming Tuesday, then I'll reach out and confirm details!

Cover to Cover Book Club

The 2023/2024 Book Club meets the 4th Thursday of every month. Participation is limited to 12 people. There are a few spots open - let Sharon Kruse know if you are interested in joining!

APRIL 25

The Thursday Murder Club by Richard Osman

MAY 23

The Book of Lost Friends by Lisa Wingate

**COVER TO COVER BOOK CLUB WILL MEET AT THE
MARRIOTT DOWNTOWN HOLLAND @ 7PM.**

Let's Go!

to Shipshewana

Wednesday, April 24

We are planning a day trip to Shipshewana for fun, fellowship and shopping!

Bus will leave at 8:30 am

First stop is Rise n Roll for coffee and a sinful donut 🍩

We'll go to Yoders Department Store, then on to Davis Mercantile.

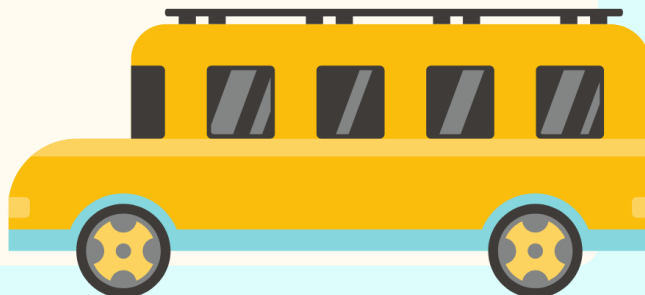
Many cute places with the Davis Mercantile Building. There are several opportunities for lunch there and at the Blue Gate.

Our last stop before heading back will be E&S. If there is time and a desire we could add Yoder's meat and cheese as a stop or it is walking distance from the department store as an option.

We should plan to head back to Holland between 3:30 and 4pm.



Deadline for sign-up is
Wednesday, April 17.
There are 20 seats
available, if the bus
isn't full, we will open
it to friends and
family!





HELP GET THE GROUNDS READY FOR SPRING!

SATURDAY, APRIL 6
8:30AM TO NOON

Please bring the following, if
you are able:

- Rakes
- Wheelbarrows
- Gloves
- Any other needed garden tools



For additional information and sign up, please visit the
Welcome Desk.

Questions? Call Rob Dannenberg 616-403-3923

Check out Trinity's NEW logo!



Trinity

Reformed Church

Charles Graham



Encouraging the Body of Christ

Place: Graafschap CRC

5973 Church St.
Holland, MI 49423

Time: 6:00 PM

Date: April 28, 2024

A love offering will be taken for the Charles Graham Ministry.

Music evangelist, Charles Graham, will be presenting a concert in our church Sunday evening, April 28, at 6:00pm. Invite your family and friends to attend!! A freewill love offering will be taken for Charles Graham Ministries that evening.

Charles was not a typical kid from Southeast Arkansas. He was the 5th child of 13 who was raised in a 4-room shack on a cotton plantation. At 5 years of age he was old enough to drag a large burlap sack and was required to pick cotton. Being poor and black in the deep south of the United States came with historical meaning. Prejudice and segregation were prevalent in our country. As he grew older he knew deep in his heart that his God-given purpose in life was singing for Him. At 19 years of age he had his first voice lesson and found himself in front of his first professional voice coach only to hear, "I strongly advise you NOT to do music." His college advisor told him, "Never let someone talk you out of what God has placed in you."

Decades later he was blessed because God has used his singing voice and testimony in thousands of concert performances, revivals, and camp meetings in the U.S. and many other continents (England, Scotland, Wales, Norway, Germany, France, Africa, Canada, Israel, and South America). After all the years of using his voice he realized that God had all his plans laid out for him. In 2010 he returned to where it all started – Dermott, Arkansas.

Rev. Harvard and Ravina Kruiuzenga served the Presbyterian Church in Dermott, Arkansas from 1983-1989. At that time they were very involved in the town and in the school. This was when they became friends of Charles Graham.

In 2022 Ravina traveled back to Arkansas and met with Charles to hear of the work he is doing in the town of Dermott.



THEN: 1984 – Charles Graham riding in a car with Ravina and school teacher (driving) for a parade.



NOW: 2022 – Charles Graham with Ravina and the only 2 members left of the Dermott Presbyterian Church

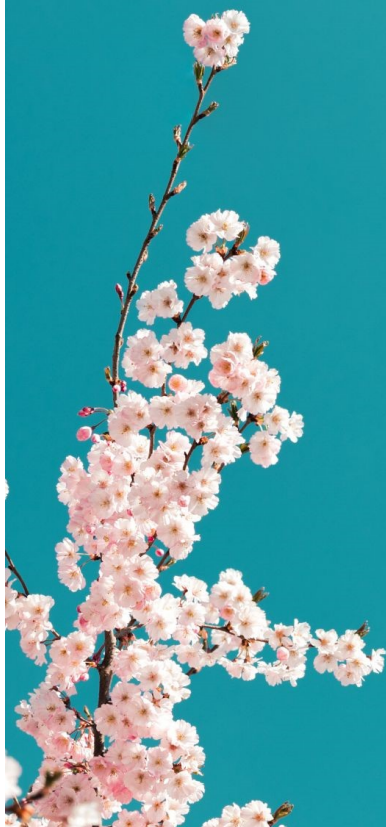
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

CARE CLOSET UPDATE



The Care Closet Ministry continues to serve our community, the second Wednesday of each month. We feel blessed to help those who need assistance with personal care and household items that are not available elsewhere in our community. We serve between 15 and 22 families each month. Families are referred to us by a variety of organizations (Community Action House, Ottawa Pathways to Better Health) but our families are the main source of referrals.

During COVID, the fellowship and gathering ministry associated with Care Closet was suspended. In February, we tested adding the fellowship and gathering ministry back into Care Closet. It was a success! Half of those picking up their orders stayed for coffee and cookies. A couple of really great conversations and connections happened. As such, we will have tables set up for coffee and cookies at each Care Closet pick up. You may be asked to bake 2 dozen cookies and volunteer to visit with our families. One person cannot do it all. Please consider saying "YES" if asked! It is an amazing experience to witness how blessed our families feel and how grateful they are to Trinity for this ministry.



I OFTEN WONDERED WHY
THE PRETTIEST OF ALL FLOWERS,
THE ROSE HAS THORNS
PERHAPS IT WAS BECAUSE
OF JESUS SAVING GRACE
HE DIED ON THE CROSS
WITH THORNS NEAR HIS FACE.
BUT WHERE WAS THE ROSE
AS HE WAS ON THE CROSS
PERHAPS IN THE GARDEN
TO REMIND US ALL
THAT LIFE IS THE
PRETTIEST
WHEN STRUGGLES
COME BY
WE SHOULD NOT
BE WEARY
OR SIGH
FOR REMEMBER
JESUS' THORNS
GAVE US LIFE
AND JESUS IS ALWAYS AT OUR SIDE

~Linda Louisa Johnson~

CHILI COOK-OFF 2024



WINNERS

1st Place - Kevin (chili #1)

2nd Place - Craig (chili #6)

3rd Place - John (chili #3)

4th Place - Ed (chili #8)

5th Place & Kids' Vote - Nicole (chili # 5)

Hot Tamales Jar Guesstimate - Randy



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED! The chilis and cornbread and desserts were **DELICIOUS!**



What a fun time to fellowship together!



Hey Community Gardeners! Ready to grow stuff?

Gardeners from 2023: You should have received a phone call or email from me the last week of March. I need to know if you wish to continue for the 2023 season. Please let me know by Sunday, April 14, if you wish to continue, and we'll confirm details.

Are you interested in joining us? Please contact me (see below) so we can get you plugged into our gardening community!

There will be a START-UP meeting on Wednesday evening, April 24, at 5:00. We'll meet in the garden with seeds ready for planting, tips for planning, updates on procedures and how to discourage pesky intruders from your produce. Once you are confirmed with your plot number, you may begin planting after April 14, but the water won't be available until later. **REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR OWN WATER DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL!**

All Gardeners: It is important to "fluff up" your soil each spring since soil gets packed down from rain and winter snow.

During the month of April we may need to supplement some beds with additional soil. Beds will also be restrung for those who desire to divide their square foot gardens for planting.

Please note that we generally give gardeners the plot they had in the previous year unless a change is requested. Also, we try to reserve the raised garden beds for those whose physical needs would best be served by that platform.

We are excited by the COMMUNITY representation in our community garden. This includes both churches, Appledorn residents, area neighbors, and friends not too far beyond.

Growing in Christ,

Teresa

teresah8547@gmail.com

616-403-4769





Trinity Church Children's Choir

The Children's Choir continues to meet
Sundays at 10:45-11am.

Rehearsal Schedule

Details coming soon!

Children's ministry at Trinity

Children and Worship: Children 4 yrs. old - 2nd grade are welcome. Children & Worship will meet as follows:

April 7 | Spring Break—No Children & Worship

April 14 | The Road to Emmaus

April 21 | The Good Shepherd and Wolf

April 28 | Lord's Supper I

NURSERY care: we are looking for additional adults who can serve in Nursery. If you are willing to be 'on call' please let Lauren know.



We are in need of people to get the pots brewing and set out the cups and such and clean up afterwards. Many hands make light work, so ask a friend to join you! If you would like to get involved, contact Sandy Bedard @ 616-212-3944 or bedardjs@comcast.net



It's
COFFEE TIME

Opportunities To Serve at Trinity

- ◆ Launder towels, tablecloths etc. after dinners or events
- ◆ Organize and sort through library books and library resources
- ◆ Pick up diapers from Nestlings for Care Closet
- ◆ Bake cookies for fellowship time following Sunday worship
- ◆ Prepare and/or help with Sunday morning coffee time
- ◆ Work with pastor/custodian on sanctuary decorating
- ◆ Water urn in front of church
- ◆ Care Closet volunteers once per month
- ◆ Substitutes for Wednesday morning bulletin folding

***For more information,
please give the church office a call (1-616-396-6526)
or email samantha@trinityrc.org***

If you are attending in-person services and would like your name removed from our weekly mailing list, please contact the church office.

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2024 TRINITY CONSISTORY

Elders:

Gregg Harper
 Ruth Klungle
 Bob Koning
 Lynda Simmons
 Bill VanAuken

Deacons:

Sandy Bedard
 Tom Lampen
 Steve Lundy
 Shirley Perez
 Jay Lynn Wheeler

April Birthdays

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| John Bedard | 4/02 | Benji Garza | 4/16 | Julaine Knap | 4/23 |
| Alyssa Shull | 4/08 | Stu Emmons | 4/17 | Shirley Perez | 4/23 |
| Doug Vande Wege | 4/08 | Connie Pilcher | 4/17 | Kaya Quinn | 4/23 |
| Marilyn Brower | 4/13 | Marlene Plaggemars | 4/17 | Gord Kossen | 4/24 |
| Bob Koning | 4/13 | Lincoln Wilkinson | 4/17 | Bill VanAuken | 4/27 |
| Sharon Kruse | 4/13 | Crystal Lundy | 4/18 | Jan VanAuken | 4/28 |
| Shirley Nienhuis | 4/13 | Kim Schrottenboer | 4/19 | Suzie Wilkinson | 4/30 |
| Jay Lynn Wheeler | 4/13 | Joyce Dozeman | 4/20 | | |

April Anniversaries

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| Russ & Linda Johnson | 4/05 | Jim & Lynda Simmons | 4/17 |
| Paul & Dianne Moker | 4/11 | | |

Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday — 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

After Hours Emergency Contact

Pastor Amanda: 519-497-8654 (call or text) or amanda@trinityrc.org

REMINDER: ALL CHURCH ACTIVITIES ARE CANCELLED IF A SEVERE WEATHER WARNING HAS BEEN ISSUED. IF INCLEMENT WEATHER IS EXPECTED IN THE EVENING, PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE OR WATCH THE CLOSINGS ON THE LOCAL NETWORKS FOR INFORMATION REGARDING TRINITY.

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 31 Easter Sunday 8:00am - 9:00am TRC Worship Team Rehearsal 9:30am - 11:00am TRC Worship 9:45am - 10:30am TRC Children + Worship 10:30am - 11:30am Bread House Pre-Service Prayer 10:45am - 11:30am TRC Post-Service Coffee 11:00am - 12:00pm BH Set-up + Rehearsal 11:00am - 12:00pm Bread House coffee & breakfast 12:00pm - 4:00pm Bread House Worship | 1 5:00pm - 7:00pm Bread House Praise & Worship Practice 7:00pm - 9:00pm Monday Night Basketball | 2 7:00pm - 9:00pm Bread House Bible Study | 3 7:30am - 9:00am Men's Bible Study 10:00am - 11:00am Folding Group | 4 6:30pm - 9:00pm Bread House Family Night 7:00pm Community Connections Meeting | 5 Hernandez/Torres Wedding Rehearsal | 6 8:30am - 12:00pm Spring Grounds Clean-Up 10:00am - 2:00pm Quilt/Craft Group Meeting 1:00pm - 7:00pm Hernandez/Torres Wedding & Reception |
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