



# CTC CONNECTIONS

**Countryside Trinity Church - 4690 Weiss Street - Saginaw, Michigan 48603**

## **From the Pastor**

**-----Rev. Dr. Jane Lynn Young**

Happy March! So much happens this month! Daylight Savings begins, Spring begins, March Madness begins, St. Patrick's Day happens, Holy Week is March 24-30. Easter is March 31. There is so much happening during March!

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, March 24th. On Palm Sunday we will wave our Palms and shout: "Hosannah, hosannah in the highest!" After worship we will have Palm Sundaes! Lots of ice cream and toppings! Palm Sunday is a great day! When I was quite young, Palm Sunday was my favorite day. I really got into waving the palms and shouting praise to Jesus. Of course, as I grew up and began to understand what the rest of the week held, Palm Sunday became bittersweet. Still, it is the exciting first day of a week that ends in silence and brokenness.

On Maundy Thursday we will gather to experience the Last Supper. It is the Supper Jesus had with his disciples before the events that led to the crucifixion. It is the last time Jesus will eat with his disciples. But the good news is that every time we come to the communion table, we experience Jesus offering us the bread and the cup again! We will leave that service in silence and ponder the impact of Christ's death as we await the coming Resurrection. Saturday is to be spent in prayer and reflection.

There is so much that happens this month. It is my prayer that we can prayerfully walk through the wilderness, to experience what it means to fully trust and rely on God.

Grace and Truth,

Pastor Jane





## UPCOMING LECTIONARY READINGS

<p><b>March 3, 2024</b></p> <p>Exodus 20:1-17          Psalm 19          1 Corinthians 1:18-25          John 2:13-22</p>	<p>On Mount Sinai, God gives the Ten Commandments to Moses.          The law of the Lord is perfect; God's commandments are clear.          The message of the cross reveals God's wisdom and strength.          Before Passover, Jesus chases the money changers out of the temple.</p>
<p><b>March 10, 2024</b></p> <p>Numbers 21:4-9          Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22          Ephesians 2:1-10          John 3:14-21</p>	<p>God instructs Moses to use a bronze serpent to save the people.          Give thanks to the Lord, who forgives, heals, and delivers us.          By the gift of God's grace, we are saved through faith.          Like Moses' serpent, Jesus will be lifted up as a sign of salvation.</p>
<p><b>March 17, 2024</b></p> <p>Jeremiah 31:31-34          Psalm 51:1-12          Or Psalm 119:9-16          Hebrews 5:5-10          John 12:20-33</p>	<p>God says I will make a new covenant, writing my law in your heart.          Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new spirit within me.          I seek you, O Lord, with my whole heart; I treasure your word.          Jesus Christ, our high priest, is the source of eternal salvation.          Jesus says: Now I will be glorified; I will die and be lifted up.</p>
<p><b>March 24, 2024</b></p> <p><u>Liturgy of the Palms</u>          Mark 11:1-11          Or John 12:12-16          Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29  <u>Liturgy of the Passion</u>          Isaiah 50:4-9a          Psalm 31:9-16          Philippians 2:5-11          Mark 14:1-15:47          Or Mark 15:1-39(40-47)</p>	<p><b>PALM SUNDAY</b></p> <p>Jesus enters Jerusalem on a donkey; the people shout: Hosanna!          Waiving palm branches, a great crowd greets Jesus in Jerusalem.          Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.</p> <p>The Lord God helps me; who will declare me guilty?          Be gracious Lord; my enemies assail me; my life is in your hand.          Seek the mind of Christ, who was humble, but exalted by God.          After the Passover meal, Jesus is betrayed, tried, and crucified.          [abbreviated reading] Jesus is tried and crucified.</p>
<p><b>March 28, 2024</b></p> <p>Exodus 12:1-4(5-10)          11-14          Psalm 116:1-2,12-19          1 Corinthians 11:23-26          John 13:1-17, 31b-35</p>	<p><b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b></p> <p>Before the Exodus, the Lord gives instructions for the Passover.</p> <p>What shall I return to the Lord? I will lift the cup of salvation.          Paul recounts and interprets the tradition of the Lord's Supper          Jesus washes the disciples' feet and gives a new commandment.</p>
<p><b>March 31, 2024</b></p> <p>Acts 10:34-43          Or Isaiah 25:6-9          Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24          1 Corinthians 15:1-11          Or Acts 10:34-43          John 20:1-18          Or Mark 16:1-8</p>	<p><b>EASTER SUNDAY</b></p> <p>Peter testifies to Jesus' death and resurrection; Jesus is Lord of all.          A feast on the day of the Lord; God will swallow up death forever.          I will not die, I will live; this is the day that the Lord has made.          Remember the good news of Jesus Christ, by which we are saved.          Peter testifies to Jesus' death and resurrection; Jesus is Lord of all.          At the empty tomb, the risen Lord appears to Mary Magdalene.          Finding Jesus' tomb empty, the women flee in wonder and fear.</p>

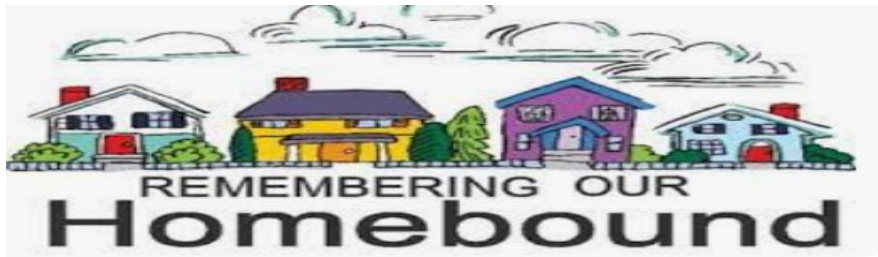


**Treasurer's Report -Mari McKenzie**

Countryside Trinity Church  
 Changes in Equity  
 January 2024

	Beginning Balance	Income	Expenses	Transfers	Ending Balance
<b>NET ASSETS</b>					
<b>UNRESTRICTED</b>					
Memorial Fund	20,782.13	115.00	-	-	20,897.13
General Fund	29,570.75	6,180.53	(11,321.78)	1,450.00	25,879.50
Bricks Fund	1,335.85	-	-	-	1,335.85
Mission Fund	37.50	-	-	-	37.50
Minister Compensation Fun	77,350.10	-	-	(535.00)	76,815.10
Endowment - Expendable	<u>83,850.11</u>	<u>897.99</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(915.00)</u>	<u>83,833.10</u>
Subtotal Unrestricted	<u>212,926.44</u>	<u>7,193.52</u>	<u>(11,321.78)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>208,798.18</u>
<b>DONOR RESTRICTED</b>					
Food Account	839.52	60.00	-	-	899.52
Good Samaritan	1,750.64	-	-	-	1,750.64
Youth Experience Fund	65.81	-	-	-	65.81
Parking Lot Fund	996.24	-	-	-	996.24
Muriel Lakey Scholarship	6,370.01	323.10	-	-	6,693.11
Endowment Nonexpendable F	<u>153,477.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>153,477.00</u>
Subtotal Donor Restricted	<u>163,499.22</u>	<u>383.10</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>163,882.32</u>
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCE</b>	<u><u>376,425.66</u></u>	<u><u>7,576.62</u></u>	<u><u>(11,321.78)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>372,680.50</u></u>

<b>SESSION COUNCIL</b>	<b>DEACONS</b>
<b>Class of 2024</b>  Sidney Diggs Debbie Davis Sandy Redfield	<b>Class of 2024</b>  Lynne Groom Jackie Williams Ron Platt
<b>Class of 2025</b>  Darren Woodke Becky Pequignot Bethany Scovill	<b>Class of 2025</b>  Pat Denno Ronda Otway Duncan Redfield
<b>Class of 2026</b>  Roger Scovill Kathy Loviska Chuck Davis	<b>Class of 2026</b>  Barb Groom Dan Groom Paige Pequignot



<b>John &amp; Leore Bethune</b> @ Home	<b>Dawn Curtis</b> @ Home	<b>Betty Hauk</b> Hoyt Nursing Home
<b>Floyd &amp; Lois Krzak</b> Floyd @ St. Francis Home Lois @ Home	<b>Avis Leach</b> @ Roosevelt House/Hemlock	<b>Marilyn Leffler</b> Traditions of Saginaw, West Formerly New Hope Valley
<b>Marie Lemmer</b> Wellspring Assisted Living	<b>Fern Evon Little</b> Swan Haven Manor	<b>Virginia Lyon</b> Roosevelt House/Hemlock
<b>Norma Meacham</b> Grand Haven, MI	<b>Elaine Miner</b> @ Home	<b>Elaine O'Keefe</b> Great Lakes Rehab
<b>Fran Prueter</b> @ Home	<b>Judi Westendorf</b> The Bickford	<b>Dick Woodke</b> @ Home



We have received our quarterly check from Kroger's for the Community Reward Program in the amount of \$40.14. Please remember to select Countryside Trinity Church as your charity of choice if you have not already done so. If you need assistance, see Kathy at church and she will help you sign up. If you shop at any Kroger Store for anything, groceries, gas, prescriptions, etc. and sign-up for the Community Reward Program, a percentage of all your purchases will be sent to us. It doesn't cost you anything to participate and your purchases do not cost any more. Every little bit helps.



**IN MEMORY OF MARY ANN PARKER**



MaryAnn Parker, age 81, of Saginaw Michigan, beloved wife, mother, and nana, passed away peacefully surrounded by her children on Saturday, February 3, 2024. She resided at Union Court Assisted Living in St. Charles, Michigan after a quick onset and decline of ALS.

MaryAnn was born on January 22, 1943, in Saginaw, MI to George and Marion (Lincoln) Roenicke. She graduated from Arthur Hill High School. Her Aunt Myrtle Lincoln-Dill was instrumental in her decision to continue her education through Saginaw General Hospital School of Nursing where she received her Certification as a Registered Nurse which she maintained to this day. MaryAnn worked a career at Saginaw General Hospital/Covenant and held several active roles with the SGH School of Nursing Alumni Association. She also held many roles within the Presbyterian Churches of Saginaw throughout her life as her faith was very important to her and those around her. She was an avid golfer on many leagues and loved to spend time with her friends. However, her favorite role in life was to be a mom and nana. Her children and grandchildren were the light of her life and she was proud of each one of them.

MaryAnn was preceded in death by her husband, Grant Parker, after a lifetime of love. She is survived by her two sons and daughters-in-law, Chad and Karla Parker and Brent and Beth Parker; her four grandchildren, Danielle, Victoria, Clayton, and Ethan. She also leaves behind many friends and family that looked to her as a pillar of kindness.

Friends may visit with the family from 4:00-8:00 pm on Friday, February 9, 2024, at W.L. Case and Company Funeral Directors, 4480 Mackinaw Rd, Saginaw, MI 48603. A funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 10, 2024 at Countryside Trinity Church, 4690 Weiss St, Saginaw, MI 48603, where friends may visit with the family from 9:00 am until the time of service. Rev. Ted McCulloch and Retired Pastor PCUSA Brant Piper will officiate the service with interment to follow in the Roselawn Memorial Gardens. Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider SGH School of Nursing Scholarship Fund or the Saginaw Presbytery Mission Fund. Please visit [www.casefuneralhome.com](http://www.casefuneralhome.com) to view the online obituary, sign the guest book and leave messages to the family.

The family would like to send a special thank you to The Care Team Hospice and Union Court Assisted Living, St. Charles for their kindness, care, and love of making MaryAnn feel comforted in such tough times.



## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CTC?

### CTC WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION:

The next CTC Women's Association Meeting is Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> beginning at 11:30 a.m. Please bring your lunch.



Remember to set your clocks ahead Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> before you go to bed. Daylight Savings starts Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>.



**CTC'S MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR MARCH IS "EASTER FOOD CARDS" AND "ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING". SEE THE NEXT PAGE FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THESE MISSIONS. MONETARY DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME. MARK YOUR ENVELOPE ACCORDINGLY.**

**Please donate to the one or ones you have an interest in supporting. If you have a suggestion for a Mission that we can support, please let Kathy in the office know. Mark your donations accordingly.**

**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR HELP.**

## REMAINING CTC LENTEN SCHEDULE

**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 3, 2024**

Soup Luncheon following Worship.

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 10, 2024**

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 17**

Soup Luncheon following Worship.

**SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 24, 2024**

Palm Sunday Worship Service @ 10:30 a.m. – Ice Cream Sundaes

**MAUNDY THURSDAY MARCH 28, 2024**

Worship service at 4:30 p.m. with Communion.

**GOOD FRIDAY MARCH 29, 2024**

No service at Countryside

**EASTER SUNDAY MARCH 31, 2024**

Worship service at 10:30 a.m. with Communion.



**NEWS FROM THE CHRISTIAN OUTREACH COMMITTEE: MISSION OF MONTH FOR FEBRUARY.** We have a new “Mission of the Month” recipient which is a local non-profit organization called “Major Chords for Minors”. Their mission is to empower children in Saginaw through the transformative power of music. They provide free music lessons and instruments for kids in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, fostering creativity, confidence, greater social and academic success, and a lifelong connection to music and community, ensuring every child has the opportunity to harmonize their future. They are our Mission of the Month for February. Please mark your donations “Major Chords” if you would like to give.

They are also looking for instruments and currently need donations of the following: 1) Electric Keyboards; 2) Drum sets; and 3) String instruments such as guitars (both electric and acoustic), banjos, and ukelele’s.

If you have any instruments to donate, please contact them directly at (989) 790-2000.

**MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR MARCH:** The Missions of the Month for March are the Easter Food Cards and One Great Hour of Sharing. We will be providing gift cards to ten (10) families from Weiss School for their Easter meals. Easter is early this year – March 31<sup>st</sup> – so if you would like to donate \$\$\$ for the purchase of the gift cards, please consider make your donations soon.

### **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING:**

*IN A WORLD OF DISASTER, HUNGER, AND OPPRESSION*

*Millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity.*

The programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing through PC USA and UCC work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

We are also putting together an Easter Gift Bag (Easter Basket so to speak) for the children who attend Weiss Elementary School. If you would like to help – please bring a bag or bags of individually wrapped candy to church no later than Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. The give-a-way is planned for Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> which is the last day before Easter break begins.

As always, thank you for your generosity.



**It is getting to be that time of year again when we will be updating our Telephone Directory. Please let Kathy in the office know if you have any new information to be inserted in the directory, i.e. telephone number, email address, street address, etc. A form is printed below for you to complete and return to Kathy if you have changes or additions. Thank you.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Numbers: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_  
Name

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_  
Name

Anniversary: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Contacts Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
& Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Any other information you would like added: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_





**St. Peter Lutheran Men's Club**  
**ANNUAL FISH FRY**  
 Friday, March 8, 2024  
 Dine In & Take Out  
 3:30 - 7:00pm  
 Take out til 6:00pm



**\$17.00 Adult**  
**\$8 Kids 12 & under**  
 Kids under 5 are free  
**Sit down meal is all you can eat!**  
**2440 N. Raucholz Road, Hemlock**

Sponsored by: St Peter Lutheran Men's Club

**DINE IN  
- OR -  
TAKE OUT**

2665 Midland Road,  
North of State Street

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN

**FISH FRY**

ALL YOU CAN EAT

**Friday,  
March 15, 2024  
4:30 - 6:30 PM**

**989-792-1023** Fried Alaskan Pollock, Potatoes,  
Coleslaw, Bread, and Dessert

**SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** 2665 Midland Road, Saginaw MI 48603

**COME AND WARM UP WITH OUR CHILI!**  
Take Out Available

Tuesday, March 12, 2024 - 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
 Trinity Episcopal Church — at the corner of Center Ave. and Grant St.  
 Bay City, MI

ON THE MENU  
 BEEF CHILI  
 WHITE CHICKEN CHILI  
 VEGETARIAN CHILI  
 CORN MUFFINS  
 DESSERT  
 BEVERAGES

Adults \$11.00 in advance, \$13.00 at door  
 Children 4-12 \$6.00  
 Church Office (989) 892-5813  
 leave a message to reserve your tickets

St. Michael's Lutheran Church of Richville presents their

**23rd Annual Living Passion Drama**

You are invited to St. Michael's Church to learn about Christ's last hours on earth. You'll "watch the path of Jesus Christ" and see and hear live action scenes of what our Lord endured before He gave His life for us on the cross. Because of His sacrifice, we have the promise of eternal life with Him in heaven.

3455 S. Van Buren Road,  
near the intersection of  
M-46 and M-15

For more information  
call 989-868-4791  
or visit our website at  
stmichaelsrichville.com

**March 22 & 23, 2024**  
**Friday, March 22, 6:00 & 7:30 PM**  
**Saturday, March 23, 4:30, 6:00 & 7:30 PM**



## “Easter Flowers 2024” Order Form

<u>Flower</u>	<u>Quantity</u>		<u>Price Each</u>	=	<u>Total</u>
Easter Lily	_____	x	\$ 12.00	=	_____
Daffodil	_____	x	\$ 10.00	=	_____
Mums 8"	_____	x	\$ 12.00	=	_____
Hydrangea	_____	x	\$ 17.00	=	_____
Tulip 8"	_____	x	\$ 10.00	=	_____
Hyacinth 8"	_____	x	\$ 10.00	=	_____
Azalea 7"	_____	x	\$ 17.00	=	_____
<b>Total due for all flowers ordered:</b>				=	_____

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**IN Memory Of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In Honor Of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check one:**

Will take plant with me (or)

Will leave plant at church for outdoor planting.

**Payment: Cash Payment:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Attached (or)**

**Check Payment:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Make checks payable**  
to "The Deacons."

**The deadline to place your order for Easter flowers is**  
**Sunday, March 10, 2024.**

Please drop off or mail your completed form and payment to:

Countryside Trinity Church  
4690 Weiss St.  
Saginaw, MI 48603



**BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS**

**BIRTHDAYS MARCH**

- 1 Ron Platt
- 2 Elaine Miner
- 3 Carol VanArsdale
- 9 Sandy Redfield
- 22 Chong Ladner
- 29 Floyd Krzak
- 30 Glenna VanHautte
- 30 Robert Furlo

**ANNIVERSARIES MARCH**

- 6 Chad & Karla Parker
- 21 Vincent & Michelle Martinez

**BIRTHDAYS APRIL**

- 1 Virginia Lyons
- 2 William Nolan
- 2 Lysithea Evans M=Alexa Mahan
- 4 Jeanne Krugielki
- 5 Nancy Erndt
- 5 Evon Little
- 12 Kathy Loviska
- 12 Matthew VanArsdale
- 13 Dallas Williams
- 19 Debra Davis

**ANNIVERSARIES APRIL**

None Known

**BIRTHDAYS MAY**

- 1 Gwen Henderson
- 4 Joshua Gonzales
- 5 Sue Smith
- 6 Marcia Lacker
- 12 Barbara Groom
- 18 Doris Ruth
- 21 Seth Diggs
- 24 Katlyn Hanson
- 26 Charles Ohmer
- 26 Lore Woodke
- 28 Sue Paterson

**ANNIVERSARIES MAY**

- 4 Tom & Chong Ladner
- 7 Floyd & Lois Krzak
- 18 Randy & Lynne Groom



Countryside Trinity Church  
4690 Weiss Street  
Saginaw, Michigan 48603

