



From the quill of Pastor Bill,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ;

We are now about halfway in our Lenten journey to the cross where Jesus gave his life that we might live.

Lent is a season of repentance, forgiveness and renewal. The season of Lent is about getting our personal and spiritual houses in order. In a scriptural sense, house was often used to describe one's family or community of faith rather than the actual building. An example of this is found in Joshua 24:15, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

This is also what Jesus is talking about in Luke 13:35, "Look, your house is left to you desolate."

Lent is a time when we can clean up our houses, get things back in order, return to our faith and our God. God has given us a remarkable gift. Salvation. And for all intents and purposes, it's free. All we have to do is repent, turn from our sinful ways and proclaim that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior.

This Lenten season, get on your knees, ask for God's forgiveness and remember that Jesus died on a cross to pay the price for your sins. And praise God that on Easter Sunday he arose from the dead to give us all eternal life.

Remember that Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. Praise his holy name.

Hope to see you in Church!!!

May God bless you and keep you this Lenten/Easter season,

Pastor Bill

THE UNITED METHODIST HOLY WEEK QUIZ



- What do palm branches symbolize on Palm Sunday?**
 - They symbolized victory in the Roman Empire.
 - Palm is the Latin word for 'return.'
 - Hearts of palm were considered 'kingly food.'
 - All of the above.
- What was Judas paid for identifying Jesus to the Roman soldier?**
 - 20 pieces of gold.
 - 20 pieces of silver.
 - 30 pieces of gold.
 - 30 pieces of silver.
- The Upper Room Chapel in Nashville displays a carved wooden representation of...**
 - The Nativity Scene
 - The Last Supper
 - Christ's Crucifixion
 - Christ's Resurrection
- What was not said by Jesus the night before he died?**
 - "All those who use the sword will die by the sword."
 - "The spirit is eager, but the flesh is weak."
 - "Physician, heal thyself."
 - "Friend, do what you came to do."
- What are the Stations of the Cross?**
 - Place in Jerusalem where prisoners were sentenced
 - Moments in Jesus' journey from his trial to the tomb
 - Officially approved places for crosses in churches
- What does a Tenebrae service consist of?**
 - A drama about the last seven words of Jesus
 - A reenactment of the Last Supper
 - Extinguishing of candles
 - The receiving of ashes
- What does INRI mean on a crucifix?**
 - Pontius Pilate, Prefect of Rome
 - Nazareth, Kingdom of Jerusalem
 - Sign of the Cross
 - Jesus the Nazarene, King of the Jews
- Why are eggs associated with Easter?**
 - They symbolize new life.
 - They have a shell around the body inside, like the tomb of Jesus.
 - They can be dyed pretty colors to represent the joy of Easter.
 - All of the above.
- Which of these Easter hymns did Charles Wesley write?**
 - "Because He Lives"
 - "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"
 - "Lift High the Cross"
 - "Sing with All the Saints in Glory"
- Why do some churches hold Easter sunrise services?**
 - Easter prayer vigils often ended as the sun rose.
 - Three women visited the tomb early in the morning.
 - Jesus is often called the light of the world.
 - All of the above.

(Answers on a following page)

Charleston UMC

April 9
Joseph Garrish
April 12
Paula Parker
April 15
Selena Carlson
April 16
Crystal Jervis
Andrew McConnell
April 17
Robert Gregory
Brandon McAdoo
April 18
Tom Hinkson
April 19
Madeline Burger
April 20
Jake McGrath
April 21
Olivia Mason
April 23
Ava Michael
April 30
Michael McCrimmon
Pastor Larry Rowe

Clark Trinity UMC

April 1
Cynthia Henry
Gregory McKnight
Brittany Murchek
April 2
Ben Nickols
April 5
Gary Bortz
Matt Reagle
April 8
Keith McKnight
April 15
Selena Carlson
April 16
William Iverson
April 17
Barb Zook
April 25
Jonathan Sternthal
April 30
Pastor Larry Rowe



Charleston

April 7
Andrew & Marge Stambaugh

Clark Trinity

April 23
Mark & Gloria Nugent

Wishing you blessings for a joy filled anniversary



A Page Filled with Humor



Poor Oleg the Panty Stitcher

Sven and Oleg worked together and both were laid off, so off they went to the unemployment office. Asked his occupation, Oleg said, "Panty stitcher; I sew the elastic onto cotton panties." The clerk looked up panty stitcher. Finding it classified as unskilled labor, she gave him \$300 a week unemployment pay. Sven was asked his occupation. "Diesel fitter," he replied. Since diesel fitter was a skilled job, the clerk gave Sven \$600 a week. When Oleg found out he was furious. He stormed back into the unemployment office to find out why his friend and co-worker was collecting double his pay. The clerk explained that panty stitchers were unskilled and diesel fitters were skilled labor. "What skill?" yelled Oleg. "I sew the elastic on, Sven pulls them on and says, 'Yep, diesel fitter.'"

One Liners

God loves everyone, but probably prefers 'fruits of the spirit' over 'religious nuts!'

Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes; come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller!

I don't trip over things, I do random gravity checks!

I don't have gray hair. I have "wisdom highlights". I'm just very wise.

I'm going to retire and live off of my savings. Not sure what I'll do that second week.

Of course I talk to myself, sometimes I need expert advice.

Chocolate comes from cocoa which is a tree ... That makes it a plant which means ... chocolate is Salad.

Some people are kind, polite and sweet-spirited until you try to sit in their pews.

The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose but bedbugs and mosquitoes come pretty close.

People are funny; they want the front of the bus, middle of the road and back of the church.

Politicians and diapers have one thing in common. They should both be changed regularly and for the same reason.

Stop, Drop, and Roll won't work in Hell

I don't know why some people change churches; what difference does it make which one you stay home from?



Church Football

Quarterback Sneak - Church members quietly leaving during the benediction.

Draw Play - What many children do with the bulletin during worship.

Halftime - The period between Sunday school and worship when many choose to leave.

Benchwarmer - Those who do not sing, pray, work, or anything but sit.

Backfield-in-Motion - Making a trip to the back (restroom or water fountain) during the service.

Staying in the Pocket - What happens to a lot of money that could be given to do the Lord's work.

Two-minute Warning - The point at which you realize the sermon is almost over and begin to gather up your children and belongings.

Instant Replay - The preacher loses his notes and falls back on last week's illustrations.

Sudden Death - What happens to the attention span of the congregation if the preacher goes "overtime."

Trap - You're called on to stand and are asleep.

End Run - Getting out of church quick, without speaking to any guest or fellow member.

Flex Defense - The ability to allow absolutely nothing said during the sermon to affect your life.

Halfback Option - The decision made by 50% of the congregation not to return for the evening service.

Blitz - The rush for the restaurants to beat the crowds following the closing prayer.



This is Buddy, I bought him as a surprise present for my husband; it turns out he's allergic to dogs. So unfortunately I'm going to have to find a new home for him and I'm just wondering if anyone out there can help? . His name is Alan; he's 61, great at DIY, drives a nice car and plans wonderful holidays.

Quiz Answers: 1. A, 2. D, 3. B, 4. C, 5. B, 6. C, 7. D, 8. D, 9. B, 10. D.

SOME MORE HUMOR

The Rules of Chocolate

If you get melted chocolate all over your hands, you're eating it too slowly.

Chocolate covered raisins, cherries, orange slices and strawberries all count as fruit, so eat as many as you want.

The problem: How to get two pounds of chocolate home from the store in a hot car.

The solution: Eat it in the parking lot.

Diet tip: Eat a chocolate bar before each meal.

It'll take the edge off your appetite and you'll eat less.

A nice box of chocolates can provide your total daily intake of calories in one place. Isn't that handy?

If you can't eat all your chocolate, it will keep in the freezer. But if you can't eat all your chocolate, what's wrong with you?

If calories are an issue, store your chocolate on top of the fridge. Calories are afraid of heights, and they will jump out of the chocolate to protect themselves.

Money talks. Chocolate sings.

Chocolate has many preservatives. Preservatives make you look younger.

Why is there no such organization as Chocoholics Anonymous? Because no one wants to quit.

Put "eat chocolate" at the top of your list of things to do today. That way, at least you'll get one thing done.

Chocolate is a health food. Chocolate is derived from cacao beans. Bean = vegetable. Sugar is derived either from sugar beets or cane, both vegetables. And, of course, the milk/cream is dairy. So, eat more chocolate to meet the dietary requirements for daily vegetable and dairy intake. **HAPPY EASTER!!!**

2025 Easter Flower Order Form

Flower	Size of Pot	Colors	Total Quantity Ordered	Price	Extended Total
Lilies	6" Pot	White		\$13.00	
Tulips	6" Pot	Assorted		\$13.00	
Hyacinths	6" Pot	Assorted		\$13.00	
Daffodils	6" Pot	Yellow		\$13.00	

Please Display at: ___ Charleston UMC ___ Clark Trinity UMC **Total Due** _____

Given in Memory of _____

Given in Honor of _____

Other _____

Presented By _____

Phone No. _____ Amount Enclosed _____

**** Order Must be complete and returned by April 13, 2025***



Charleston/Clark Trinity UMC April 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 APRIL FOOLS' DAY	2 Bible Study Charleston UMC 10:30 AM	3 Bible Study Clark Trinity UMC 6:00 PM	4	5
6 	7	8 Trustees - 6:30 PM Adm. Council - 7:00 PM Charleston UMC	9 Bible Study Charleston UMC 1:30 PM	10 Bible Study Clark Trinity UMC 6:00 PM	11	12 Clark Trinity UMC 11:00 AM
13 	14	15 Trustees - 6:30 PM Adm. Council - 7:00 PM Clark Trinity UMC	16	17 Holy Thursday Tenebrae Service 7:00 PM Charleston UMC	18 	19
20 	21	22 	23 Bible Study Charleston UMC 10:30 AM	24 Bible Study Clark Trinity UMC 6:00 PM	25	26
27	28	29	30 Bible Study Charleston UMC 10:30 AM			

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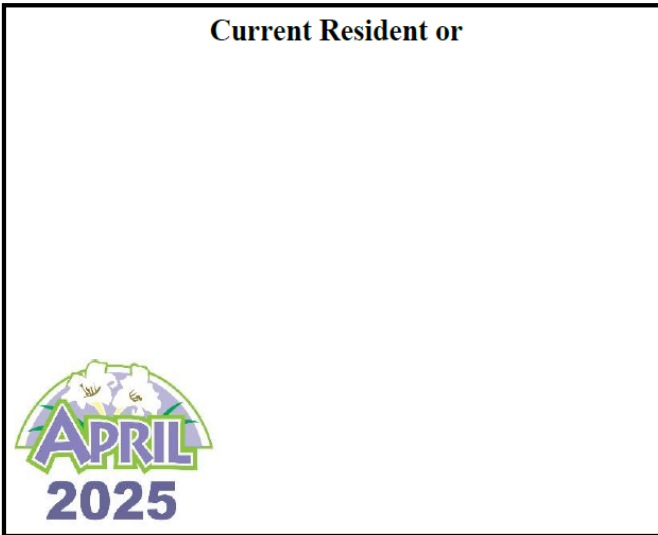
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 CHARGE NEWSLETTER**



Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025

Worship:

Sunrise: 7:00 AM @ Unity Presbyterian
Regular: 9:30 AM @ Clark Trinity UMC
11:00 AM @ Charleston UMC



Clark Trinity UMC Prayer List

<i>Pastor Bill</i>	<i>Gary Bortz</i>
<i>Barca Family</i>	<i>Donna Lloyd</i>
<i>Ben Nickols</i>	<i>Dave Lloyd</i>
<i>Michelle (Blake) Tate</i>	<i>Gregory Barlett</i>
<i>Blaze McKnight</i>	<i>Ed Rodocoy</i>
<i>Jim Reagle</i>	<i>Rose Boles</i>
<i>Tom Durney</i>	<i>Pauline Jones</i>
<i>Amanda McKnight</i>	<i>Verne Barlett</i>
<i>Tom Durney</i>	<i>Cathy Morris</i>
<i>Connie Schrader</i>	<i>Shawna Hedderick</i>
<i>Dave Misko</i>	<i>Patty Padovich</i>
<i>Sheila Nickel</i>	<i>Marian & Don Doddato</i>
<i>Bob Moats</i>	<i>Amanda McKnight</i>
<i>Laura Parillo</i>	<i>Shawna Hedderick</i>
<i>Jean Shaffer</i>	<i>Janyce Schaller</i>

*Cancer patients, our Church, Family relationships,
 our Nation and our Troops*



Charleston UMC Prayer List

<i>Peggy Bliss</i>	<i>Kathryn & Jon Wengerd</i>
<i>Steve Gregory</i>	<i>Cindy Gregory</i>
<i>Leesa Miess</i>	<i>Jean Pears</i>
<i>Kendal McCandless</i>	<i>Louella Moore</i>
<i>Kim Alford</i>	<i>Ruth Ann Ferguson</i>
<i>Todd Ferguson</i>	<i>Gail Schuknecht</i>
<i>Tom Hinkson</i>	<i>Jane Hinkson</i>
<i>Bob & Karen Dolata</i>	<i>Ethel Zahniser</i>
<i>Matt Bodien</i>	<i>Mark Moore</i>
<i>Luella Moore</i>	<i>Judy Shaffer</i>
<i>Carol Gaines</i>	<i>Neil Gaines</i>
<i>Kathy Hogan</i>	<i>Joan & Harry</i>
<i>Lori Hayden</i>	<i>Jean DiGregorio</i>
<i>Tina Jones</i>	<i>Cindy Gregory</i>
<i>Bev Jewell</i>	<i>Vi Greenawalt</i>
<i>Joe & Joan Lehocky</i>	<i>Melissa Trodden</i>
<i>Karen Palmer</i>	<i>Marlene Gilliland</i>
<i>Mary Ann Young</i>	<i>Marge & Andrew</i>
<i>John & Carolyn</i>	<i>Our Churches</i>

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 Anti-Americans, Our Troops and Our Nation*