

Trinity Tempo

April 2026

The Journey of Lent

Insights from Pastor Steven's Lenten Services

During the journey of Lent, we have shared that the Glory of God does not terrify, it transforms! Jesus' Holiness does not push us away; it reaches out to us. We have shared that Jesus, the Lamb of God, not only atones for our sin, but He creates new people.



He turns seekers into followers. We have shared what it means to be born again, to come from darkness to the Light of Christ; and to ask where we might still be blind to the needs of others and to our own need for change. We have shared how we thirst for forgiveness, meaning and hope and Jesus enters our dry, parched places and He stays, because He loves us.

We are Easter people! Lent has been for us the journey to the Cross. Lent led us toward repentance, and the Cross is the answer. Easter is the fulfillment of that journey. We are Easter people and are reminded of this every Sunday we gather, not just on Easter Sunday. Each Sunday, thereafter, is a little Easter. The importance of the Resurrection is to remember every Sunday that Christ rose so that we might be free!

Trinity Happenings

Graduates

Trinity will honor graduates (high school, college, trade school...) at the worship service on June 7. If you know of someone who will graduate this spring—or has recently graduated—contact Jane Pogue or the church office.

Summer Camp

Registration for summer camp is open! The Western PA conference has diverse camping and retreat opportunities for people of all ages.

Jumonville is in Hopwood, PA (mountains of Southwestern PA).
<https://www.jumonville.org/>

Wesley Woods is in Grand Valley, PA (Northwestern PA).
<https://www.wesleywood.com/>

Camp Allegheny is in the Laurel Highlands off Route 30 in Stoystown, PA.
<https://www.campallegheny.org>

Olmsted Manor is a retreat center located in Ludlow PA.
<https://www.olmstedmanor.org/events.html>



Healthy Village Learning Institute is in McKeesport, PA and serves its community daily, year-round.
<https://hvliweb.org/>

At the Lake Ministries is in Erie, PA and provides boating and fishing charters for people of all ages with disabilities.
<https://www.atthelakeministries.org/>

Financial assistance for summer camp programs is available through the church. Contact Beverly Piper for details.

Pysanky

More than a dozen friends and family of Trinity UMC recently spent a Saturday morning learning the centuries-old craft of creating Ukrainian Easter Eggs (Pysanky). Olga Medunytzia shared this tradition, giving us a brief history, showing us some traditional symbols and basic techniques for decorating eggs Ukrainian style.

We learned how to color and embellish eggs using natural ingredients such as onion skin and parsley. Olga also demonstrated the wax-resist (batik) technique. The eager audience went to work, creating designs using traditional tools: pencil, candle, beeswax, kistka (pysachok) and hollowed or hard-boiled eggs. The process requires patience, precision, and planning. Following is a summary of the steps we used.

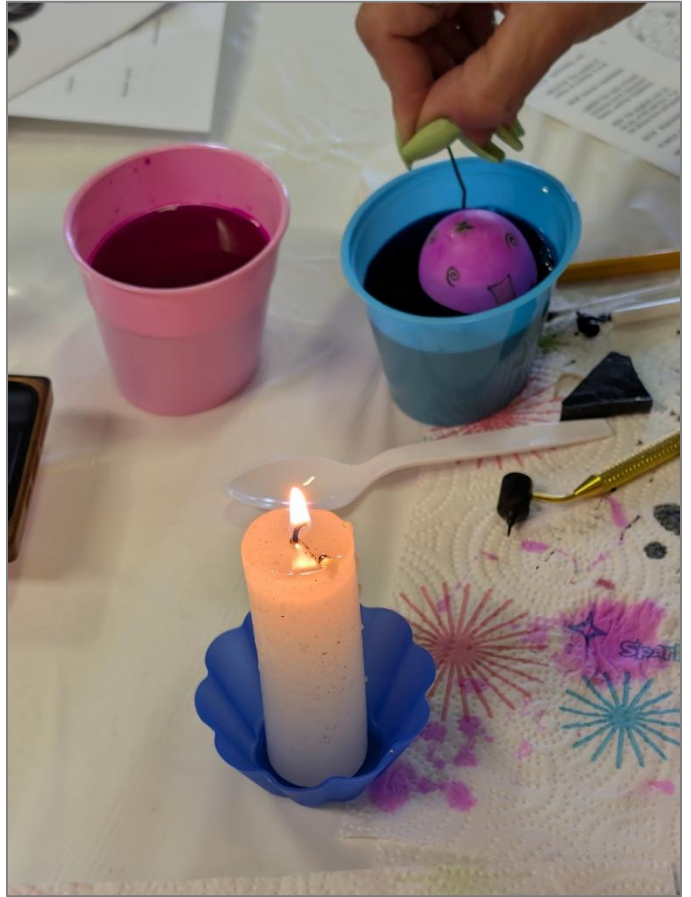
1. First, use a pencil to draw a design on the egg.
2. Next, use a kistka to cover the lines of the design with melted beeswax. (The wax seals the lines, keeping them free of dye).
3. Dip the egg in a dye, usually starting with the lightest color dye first.
4. Repeat steps 2 and 3, adding wax and dipping in different colored dyes

to build your design and achieve the desired color pallet.

5. Once the egg is dry, use a candle to melt off the beeswax.
6. Finally, apply a thin layer of vegetable oil for shine or, to preserve the egg, varnish.

Thank you, Olga, for sharing this wonderful cultural ritual with us as well as your time, talent, supplies, and creativity. Everyone had a great time!







Joys & Concerns

Please keep Trinity family, friends and neighbors in your prayers. To share a prayer concern, call Beverly Piper, (412) 607-1759.

Pray for

Mary Ann Casper
Sandy Chiappetta
Nancy Corl
Pastor Angelique Edmonds
Jeff Johnson
Family of Margie Little
Matt Lovre
Olga, Volodymer, and Maryna Medunytsia
Paul Ondulich
Les and Donna Race
Marlene VanRyn
Billie Jean (John Ruccio's mother)
Our troops

Also take a moment and give thanks for friends and church family who celebrate their birthdays and anniversaries this month.

Birthdays

- 2 Brandon Dulemba
- 3 Bob Lovre, Morgan Plecenik, Dakota Dovalis
- 7 Miranda Mallik
- 8 Haidynn Dulemba
- 9 Holly Conlogue
- 10 Bob Casper, Lori Dorko
- 12 Jonathan Aubele, Love Ruffner
- 14 Jonathan Judy
- 17 Carmella Booher
- 25 Jeanne Ruccio
- 28 Drake Clausner
- 29 John David Hughes
- 30 Genny Triponey

Anniversaries

- 10 Roger and Marlene VanRyn
- 12 John and Jeanne Ruccio

April

Altar Flowers

- 5 Larry and Becky Mallik
- 12 open
- 19 open
- 26 open



April

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
29 Palm/Passion Sunday 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship	30	31	1	2 7:15 p.m. Choir	3 2-5 p.m. 6:30-7 p.m. Silent Communion 7 p.m. Tenebrae Service	4
Holy Week						
5 Easter Sunday 7 a.m. Sunrise Service, B-Y Park 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship/Communion	6 1 p.m. Senior Friends 7:30 p.m. Trustee Meeting	7	8	9 7:15 p.m. Choir	10	11
12 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship	13 1 p.m. Senior Friends	14 7:30 p.m. Ad-Council	15	16 7:15 p.m. Choir	17 Tempo Deadline	18
19 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship <i>Native American Ministries Sunday (offering)</i>	20 1 p.m. Senior Friends	21	22	23 7:15 p.m. Choir	24	25
26 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship	27 1 p.m. Senior Friends	28	29	30 7:15 p.m. Choir	1	2

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Articles and information for the May issue of the newsletter are due in the church office by Friday, April 17, 2026.



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Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service: 11:15 a.m.

**Native American Ministries
Sunday, April 19**

This Church-wide Special Sunday occurs on the third Sunday after Easter. Your gifts support outreach programs, scholarships for Indigenous students in Seminary school, and Native American ministries. It also recognizes the contributions of Indigenous peoples. Prayerfully consider supporting this Special Sunday offering.