



# TRINITY NEWS

For Family & Friends of Trinity Moravian Church

## EASTER 2024

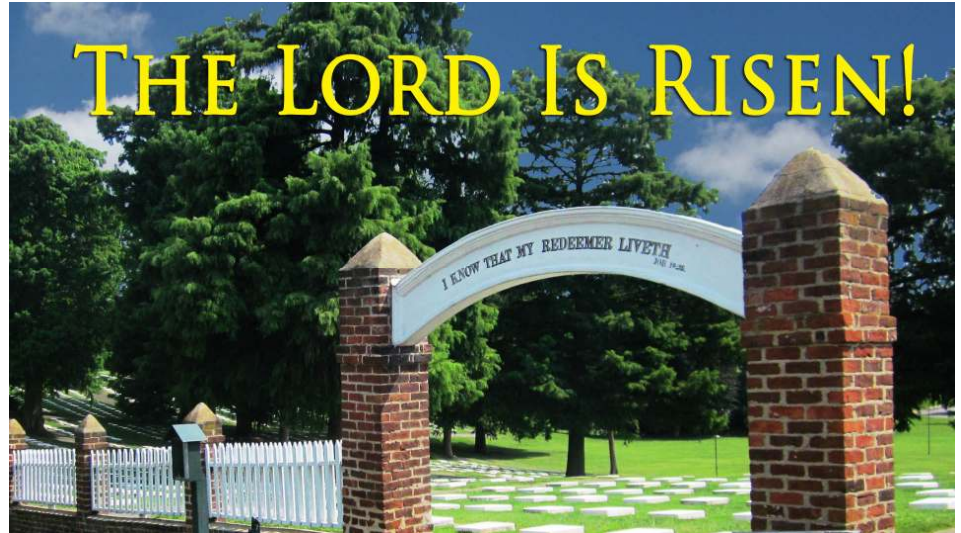
### ***From the Pastor:***

The Lord is risen! The Lord is risen indeed!

On Easter Sunday, while it is still dark, we gather with thousands of other faithful at Salem Square to bear witness to Christ's resurrection. The Lord is risen indeed! Some of us will also join our brothers and sisters from St Philips at the Second St Philips Graveyard to join in the service from there, with audio streamed from the main section of God's Acre. This year, the service will be led by the Rev. Reed Lawson, pastor of Christ Moravian Church. I will be director of the live telecast over WXII-12 and streaming on the web.

We Moravians are often called "the Easter people," in part because of these memorable Easter sunrise services -- but also because the faith of the risen Christ is central to our belief and practice. Moravians believe that in the incarnation, when God was born as a baby and experienced all of being human, something was fundamentally changed about the world -- and that at the death and resurrection of Christ, the whole relationship between God and humanity was transformed. Because Christ has died, because Christ has risen, we are called to live for Him -- and to show others His love through humble service. The Lord is risen! The Lord is risen indeed!

***- Pastor John***



### **Holy Week Reading Services With St Philips**

Part of our Moravian Easter tradition is to meet each night of Holy Week (or Passion Week, from the Latin word *passus*, "to suffer") and read a portion of the events of that week in Jesus' life leading up to the crucifixion and resurrection. This year, we will be holding our Holy Week Reading services jointly with our sister congregation **St Philips Moravian Church**, which will greatly add to the experience! We sing stanzas of hymns that pertain to the readings, and use this time together to reflect upon the awesome events that were woven together by God to create the first Easter. We encourage you to set aside the time to meet with us each evening of Passion Week beginning on Palm Sunday to worship with us. ***See page 8!***

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## Day of Prayer Services for 2024

### February 14, 11:00am

Home Moravian, Speaker: The Rev. Nancy Johnson Vaders, Director of Outreach for St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Winston-Salem. Coffee Fellowship at 10am. The service will be available in person and live streamed on the Home Church Web page.

### February 18, 2:00 pm

Lovefeast, Christ Moravian, Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Lane Sapp. Lovefeast. Nursery provided.

### February 21, 11:00 am

Trinity Moravian, Speaker: The Rev. Dana Myers. *Lunch will be served after the service.*

### February 28, 11:00 am

Ardmore Moravian, Speaker: The Rev. Kelly Moore. Refreshments will be served at 10:00 A.M. The service will be in person and online.

### March 6, 11:00 am

Bethania Moravian, Speaker: The Rev. Russ May. Coffee served at 10:00 A.M. This service will be in person only.

### March 13, 11:00 am

Fairview Moravian, Speaker: The Rt. Rev. Tom Shelton. The service will be in person and include communion. The service will be available on YouTube and Facebook.

### March 20, 11:00 am

Konnoak Hills Moravian, Speaker: Rev. Margaret Norris. Lovefeast. The service will be in person and online.

## Passion Week Reading Services

share in this devotional experience. The Palm Sunday lovefeast service will be held in the Trinity sanctuary; other services will be either at St Philips Brick Church or in the Reich Fellowship Hall (see schedule below).

### Experiential Maundy Thursday Communion

In recent years, we have held a special experiential communion service for Maundy Thursday in the Reich Fellowship Hall. In addition to the Holy Week Readings, we experienced Holy Communion in a different way. The participants were seated in tables of twelve, and they shared the elements with one another. It was a profound and moving experience, and we plan to use the same kind of service this year. We hope you will plan to attend!



### Good Friday Cross and Confession

Another recent development is our Good Friday "Cross and Confession" service. During the somber readings, each person will have a time to write a personal confession, and physically nail it to a large wooden cross. After the service, the confessions are burned, and the same cross will be covered with flowers for Easter Sunday.

## Holy Week Reading Schedule—2024

<b>Mar 24</b>	<b>7 pm</b>	<b>Palm Sunday Lovefeast</b> Read pages 5-17 Acts of Saturday
<b>Mar 25</b>	<b>7 pm</b>	<b>Monday Night Readings</b> Read pages 19-37 Acts of Monday
<b>Mar 26</b>	<b>7 pm</b>	<b>Tuesday Night Readings</b> Read pages 38 - 54
<b>Mar 27</b>	<b>7 pm</b>	<b>Wednesday Night Readings</b> Read pages 55-80 (LOGOS Readers)
<b>Mar 28</b>	<b>7 pm</b>	<b>Thursday Night Readings/Communion</b> Read pages 80-94 <b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
<b>Mar 29</b>	<b>7 pm</b>	<b>Good Friday Readings</b> Read pages 95 - 121 "In This Sepulchral Eden"
<b>Mar 30</b>	<b>7 pm</b>	<b>Great Sabbath Service @ Home Moravian Church</b>



## Holy Hilarity Sunday!

In recent years, Trinity has been participating in an old Orthodox custom – that of telling jokes the week after Easter. After all, the Resurrection was the biggest practical joke on the Devil that there ever was; and if you can't have a good belly laugh about life after the Resurrection, you've probably got the wrong end of religion!

So Sunday, **April 7** (before the Puppet Dinner Theatre) will again be Holy Hilarity Sunday here at Trinity, and there's no telling what to expect during the 11 am worship. Those of sour demeanor and inability to laugh at themselves had best stay home or visit another church that Sunday.

However, if you enjoy a good laugh at life and believe that God has a sense of humor – and that humor is a blessing from God – we'll save a pew for you on Sunday, April 7th!

If you have a favorite joke that you'd like to tell (or have told) during the service, please contact Pastor John. Jokes that are nasty, denigrate others, or would make Jerry Jackson blush are not appropriate. However, jokes on the devil have pretty wide latitude!



The Trinity Puppeteers invite you to their presentation of ...

## ***Musical Puppet Revue:*** **Being the Church**

**We will gather in the old fellowship hall on Sunday, April 7 at Noon for a baked potato/salad bar lunch. After the meal, we will present our program in the Reich Fellowship Hall. *This is a ticketed program* – see Jeannie May for your FREE ticket. Donations are welcome and will support the puppet program. There will be a basket for donations when you come in for lunch.**

**If unable to attend on that Sunday, you are welcome to come to the dress rehearsal on Wed, April 3 at 7:00 pm. Limited seating will be available after all LOGOS children have been seated. You may enter through the fellowship hall doors.**

**Sunday, April 7th, Noon**

# Annual Good Friday Cross Walk



Since 1975, the youth of Trinity Moravian have held a Cross Walk on Good Friday. A full-size cross is carried in solemn and prayerful silence through downtown Winston-Salem, concluding at Salem Square with a liturgy of confession recalling Christ's crucifixion.

## Where To Gather

As we have for the last several years, the Cross Walk will start

at LOAVES & FISHES, 657 West 5th Street, the Building across the street from the Downtown Library. Parking is available in the Centenary UMC lot next to Loaves & Fishes. Please arrive between 10:30 am and 11:00 am. The Walk will begin at 11:00 promptly. The route is about 1.4 miles in length. We walk slowly so that the walk will take 40 minutes or more. We conclude at Salem Square,

where Walkers will be greeted by a Moravian Band, and together we will join in a Good Friday Liturgy of Confession.

We usually have between 6-8 people carrying the cross together at any time. Everyone who wishes to take a turn will have a turn. This is not a "reenactment," but a meditative prayer experience and silent witness.

ALL ARE WELCOME. We often have babies in strollers, walkers with dogs (MUST BE ON LEASH!), and even folks in wheelchairs. Those who do not feel that they can physically do the mile walk are welcome to join us at the end at Salem Square – and in fact we often have quite a crowd waiting there when we arrive! Walkers are advised to bring some bottled water, sunscreen, and hats! We will be escorted by two Winston-Salem Police Officers who will supervise street crossings. A church bus will be available to shuttle Walkers back to the parking lot on 5th Street after the Walk is concluded.



*It is hard to describe the experience of the Cross Walk. Like many of the best Moravian worship traditions, it is experiential in nature. Each year more and more people from different walks of life join us for this solemn procession. Children, teens, grandparents, recovering addicts, ex-convicts, bishops, and ministers take turns carrying the weight of the Cross. The silent, reverent procession is a time of personal prayer and reflection. Each person takes something different from the experience.*







## Scouting News

We would like to thank everyone for their food contributions to our Scouting for Food drive for this year. We collected 390 pounds of food and delivered it to Sunnyside Ministries.

We would also like to thank everyone for their participation in our luncheon after church on Scout Sunday. Through your generous donations, we were able to raise about \$1,380 that will go directly to supporting summer camp fees for the boys. We are especially grateful for the immense help of Sara and Greg Gentle! The support of the congregation is always humbling to me, and I do appreciate all of you.

The annual Scout Yard Sale will be at Midway Town Center on Saturday, May 11 all day. If you have items you would like to donate to the yard sale, please contact Bruce Sherman (336-591-5228) and we will arrange to collect them. This is another important fund raiser for camp and other troop activities and we appreciate your support.

The boys will be participating in the Sunrise Service again this year. They will be spending the night at the church on Saturday, March 30 so we can get up and be at Home

Moravian Church at 4 AM. We will invite other troops who will be participating to join us if that would make it easier for them to get to the service. Scout participation in the Sunrise Service has been fairly low the past few years so we are trying to revive this important service project.

Thank you again for all you do to support us as we try to deliver a quality Scouting program to boys in this neighborhood and beyond.

**Bruce Sherman**  
Scoutmaster  
Troop 716

Our Christmas campaign for the **Debt Jubilee Project** planned to raise \$20,000 over six weeks — but ended up raising **\$43,169!** We partnered with Raleigh Moravian Church, The Table Moravian Church, Fries Memorial Moravian Church, and the Men's Fellowship of Ardmore United Methodist Church. Many individual donors from all over the state helped push us over the 200% mark. We were



aided by a surprise front-page column by Scott Sexton, *Aiming High At A Pile of Debt* on Dec 31.

On Sunday, January 28, a list of 2,973 debts was symbolically burned during our worship service, representing \$6,560,412 in crushing medical debt owed by poor families in Wake County, NC.

The Debt Jubilee Project has purchased all the available medical debt in Forsyth and surrounding Piedmont counties. In an investigative article, NC Medical News recently revealed that Atrium and Novant, the major health systems in our area, have decided to *no longer sell medical debt*. We will be working to change this policy so that we can continue to help poor families in our area.



Charlie Carson Risdon helps Pastor John symbolically burn \$6.5 million in debt.

## Great Sabbath Service

The Great Sabbath Service sponsored by the Salem Congregation will be held on Saturday, March 30 at 7:00 PM at Home Moravian Church with conductor **Amanda Shumpert** and accompanist **Mary Louise Kapp Peeples**. This service enables our guests to reflect on Lent, Good Friday, the coming of Easter and the Resurrection of our Savior.

## Easter Hospitality Station

Trinity volunteers will host the Hospitality Station Easter morning, serving coffee and sugar cake before the Sunrise service on the square, not at the Belo Home as previously. Lot 63 (the former Moravian Book & Gift Shop) will also be open. If you would like to help, speak to Greg Gentle.

## Easter Egg Hunt

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt for the little children will be held after worship on Palm Sunday, March 24. There will be a light lunch (pizza) followed by a variety of games and the egg hunt on the lawn! In the event of bad weather, the egg hunt will be held indoors. This is a really fun event for the little ones—but just as much for the parents and grandparents!



## 252nd Easter Sunrise Service

The 252nd Salem Congregation Moravian Easter Sunrise Service will begin in front of Home Moravian Church on March 31, 2024 beginning at 6:15 AM with the **Reverend Reed Lawson**, pastor of Christ Moravian Church officiating. The massed band from the Salem Congregation churches will be accompanying the service and playing antiphonal tunes as the service processes to “God’s Acre” for the conclusion of the service. A hospitality area (staffed by Trinity & Lot 63 volunteers) will provide sugar cake and coffee and will be set up in the Square prior to the service.

Members of St. Philips Moravian Church and some other brothers and sisters from Salem Creek RCC (Home, Messiah, St Philips & Trinity) will gather at the historic Second St. Philips Graveyard (at the corner of Cemetery and East Salem Avenue) to take part in the service from that significant section of the graveyard. We expect much larger participation there this year, and will include shots from this section in the live WXII broadcast and internet webcast.

The entire Easter Sunrise service will be streamed live on the internet and broadcast live on television over WXII-Channel 12 and on radio over WSJS AM 600khz. Special thanks to the staffs of WXII and WSJS for their support.

After several years of “hiatus,” the bands will again do rounds the night before. So don’t be surprised to be awakened by a brass chorale in the middle of the night if you live in the area!

For more information on the service, parking areas, and video links, visit

[www.moraviansunrise.org](http://www.moraviansunrise.org)



## Easter Worship

At 11 am on Easter Sunday, we will gather in the sanctuary for our celebration of the Resurrection. The great Easter Liturgy will be combined with special music and a special children’s message. Pastor Jackman’s sermon will ask how the resurrection becomes reality in our lives today! Child care is available during the service.

**The Lord is risen!**

**The Lord is risen indeed!**



# Herrnhut Award Presented



*The Rt. Rev. Chris Giesler and the Rev. Angelica Regalado present the Herrnhut Award to Trinity Moravian Church.*

Trinity has been honored with the **HERRNHUT AWARD** presented by the Moravian Church Board of World Mission. This is a recognition of congregations in North America that are doing exemplary mission and service work both in their local communities as well as in global mission efforts. This award has been given to only one other Moravian Congregation at this point.

The Rt. Rev. Chris Giesler and Rev.

Angelica Regalado presented the award in our January 28th service, not only to recognize the recent Debt Jubilee Project, but also LOGOS, our children's ministry, our support of Anthony's Plot. and our founding of Sunnyside Ministry.

Visit our website and click on the **news article** (on the right) for a link where you can read the entire proclamation from the BWM.

# Fellowship Luncheon

The Women's Fellowship is planning a Fellowship luncheon for Sunday, March 17 following worship. It will be a soup & salad bar lunch. The luncheon is FREE for all, but of course donations will be gratefully accepted — all donations will be used to further the ministry of the congregation, The program will be Robert Myers presenting slides from Youth Convo in the Czech Republic and Germany—you'll get to see many sites of our Moravian history!



# Confirmation Classes

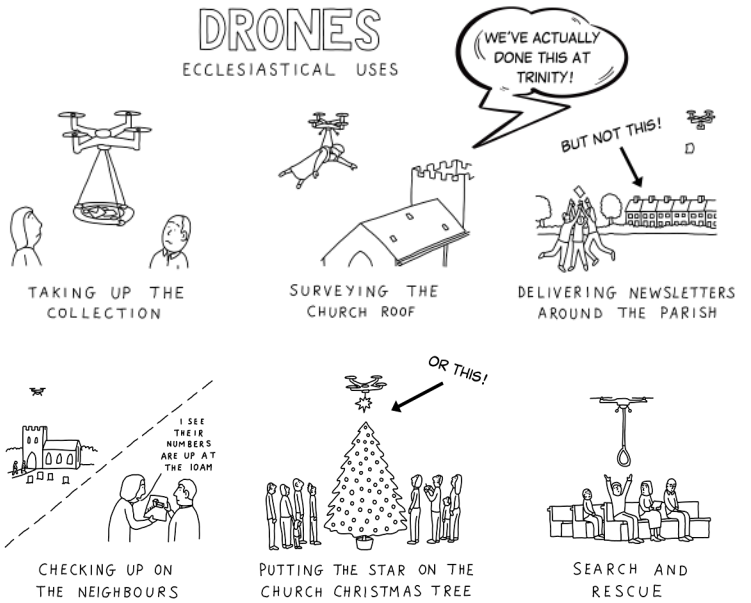
Pastor Jackman will also be organizing CONFIRMATION CLASSES for children/young adults who have not yet confirmed their faith. Usually (but not always) this is for 12-14 year olds. There will be a series of classes (day and time TBA) where the youth will gather to study the Moravian Catechism and attain a basic understanding of Moravian Christian teachings. Parents, please contact Pastor Jackman directly for more information.

*Did you know that the Moravian Church is one of the oldest Protestant denominations?*



### Worship Schedule

March 10	11 am	“God So Loved....” John 3:14-21
March 17	11 am	“We Wish to See Jesus.” John 12:20-36
	Noon	Fellowship Luncheon
March 24	11 am	Palm Sunday Worship
	7 pm	Reading Service/Lovefeast
March 24-29	7pm	Reading Services w/ St Philips
March 30	7pm	Great Sabbath Service (at Home Moravian Church)
March 31	6:15am	Easter Sunrise Service (at Salem Square)
	11 am	Easter Worship
April 7	11 am	Holy Hilarity Sunday Puppet Dinner Theatre



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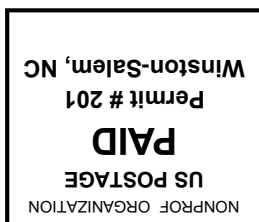
*In all things love.*

*In non-essentials liberty,*

*In essentials unity,*



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