

Trinity World Newsletter  
Lenten Season Begins  
February 2024

Lent.

A SEASON OF RENEWAL



## CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATES

1. Reminder...Offering Envelopes for 2024 are available in Fellowship Hall. Statements of Giving for 2023 have been prepared by May Klepadlo, along with Sue Gatley, and were mailed out by Cindy Rouillier. If you did not receive yours, or have questions on it, please contact the church office. Thank you for your generous contributions!
2. We are moving ahead with our next Building and Grounds project. Bruce Groff has contacted 5 contractors to give us a bid on covering the back exterior wall of our church with siding, rather than simply repainting. So far one person has come to give us a quote. The work won't be done until spring, so we're in the planning stage now. Thank you Bruce!!
3. Vincent Klepadlo was also granted a scholarship for his fine work at Utica University this past fall semester. We're proud of you, Vincent!!
4. We enjoyed the viewing of the first segment of The Chosen series on January 28th in the lounge, using the new TV and DVD player. We look forward to the next segment...TBA. Thank you to Mel and Mike Milewski for obtaining and setting up the new equipment! (The old, HEAVY television was removed by John Coccia when he was repairing the stairwell. :)
5. The lounge carpet and furniture is going to be cleaned and refreshed by ABC Chem-Dry. We do this every few years.
6. Council voted to set a base amount of \$250 each month for our Mission of the Month (MOM) recipients (listed below), in addition to the congregation's donations. You may also mail your donations if you are not able to attend services.

January— Church World Service.

July — USO (a favorite of Bill Crowell)

February— Feed our Vets.

August — St. Jude's Children's Hospital

March — Multiple Sclerosis.

September— Abraham House of Rome

April — Ride for Missing Children.

October— Humane Society of Rome

May — American Cancer Society

November — Shriner's Children's Hospital

June — Alzheimer's Association

December— Retired Minister's Fund

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, February 18th at 11:15 We always welcome any questions or comments!  
Kathy Wood, Sue Gatley, Sarah Barcomb, Gerry Nelson, May Klepadlo, Dick Kekis, Danyell Coccia

## Candlemas by Pastor Karen Marshall

On the 4<sup>th</sup> of February we will be celebrating Candlemas. Well ok , so what is this? What does this mean and what will we be doing on the 4<sup>th</sup>?

Candlemas is an ancient festival that commemorates the ritual of purification of Mary 40 days after the birth of Jesus. The actual date for this year is February 2<sup>nd</sup> but we will celebrate on the 4<sup>th</sup>. It is also known as the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus Christ in the temple. This is when Simeon saw him when Mary and Joseph brought him to the temple to be presented. It is an old festival that is practiced in many countries, including Germany.

In the church it was the day of the year when all the candles that were used in the church during the year were brought into the church and a blessing was said over them. For us I have asked that you bring in candles from home for a blessing. Years ago, candles were the only light source and so they were so important for the lives of the people who lived then. The candlelight helped them feel more comfortable and safer, for Christians was a reminder of Christ, the light of the world.

Candlemas is associated with different things and traditions depending on the country that is celebrating the festival.

In Germany, Candlemas was associated with payment deadlines, fixed employment relationships, and the beginning of the “farmers years.” According to what I have read a farmer should have half of the winter feed in for the cattle.

In Scotland, on Candlemas children would bring candles to school so that the classrooms would have light on cloudy days.

In France and Belgium, Candlemas was a day to eat crepes. Pope Gelasius, had pancakes given to people arriving in Rome. For us as well, we will be celebrating by feasting on pancakes on the 4<sup>th</sup>.

In Luxembourg children would roam the streets in the evening holding lanterns singing traditional songs, for example “Le’iwer Hargottsblieshen.” The children would be given sweets in return for their singing.

Candlemas has also been associated with the weather. A weather proverb is:

If Candlemas Day be fair and bright

Winter will have another fight.

If Candlemas brings cloud and rain,

Winter won’t come again.

A German Proverb,

“The badger peeps out of his hole on Candlemas Day,

And , if he finds snow, walks abroad; but if he sees the sun shining he draws back into his hole.”

This is like our groundhog day, which originated from the German festival, as many of Pennsylvania's early settlers were German.

So I hope you will join us on this day. To celebrate light , the presentation of Jesus in the temple and to experience a new event in the church. Oh yes and to have some pancakes and sausage, Yum!

Information for this was taken from Wikipedia.org and Project Britain Folklore Calendar.



## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

**February 4** – Celebrating Candlemas, with blessing of candles during the service. Meal of pancakes and sausage will be served immediately following the service,.

### **February 11**

We will celebrate the start of Lent with German food in Fellowship Hall, and music from Collage in our Lounge. Collage is a Rome-based jazz combo featuring pianist Aaron Browka. The group specializes in jazz standards from the Big Band and Swing Era, the Great American Songbook, and jazzy pop songs. The group includes bass player Joe Karwacki, drummer Patrick O’Neil and reed players Darryl Sleszynski and Colleen O’Neil.

Of course don't forget the delicious food, brats, buttered noodles, applesauce, and fried Fastnacht. Dress in “Carnival” costume, like they do on Fat-Tuesday in New Orleans and be prepared to dance.

### **February 14th– Ash Wednesday**

On Ash Wednesday I will be giving out ashes at church from 12:00 to 3:00. Please stop in to receive. If you need to come earlier, the pastor will be in the office from 10:00 to 3:00.

### **February 22nd–( Thursday)**

Lenten Luncheon in Fellowship Hall, from 12:00 to 1:00pm, short devotional, followed by a lunch. You can eat in or have your lunch to go.

### **February 25th (Sunday)**

In our morning service, we will be recognizing retired pastor, Frank Graichen, for his years of service to our church family, by bestowing upon him the title of Pastor Emeritus. Following the service, there will be a reception held in Fellowship Hall, to honor Pastor Emeritus Frank Graichen.

### **March 3 (Sunday)**

The next episode of Chosen will be shown in the lounge after the morning service

### **March 10 (Sunday)**

Pizza will be served following the morning service, then we are off to bowling at King Pin Lanes. We need a head count by March 1st, so that alleys can be reserved, please contact Melody with that information.

### **March 17 ( Sunday)**

St. Partick’s day celebration, where everyone is Irish. Join us for an Irish lunch, music, games and fun following our morning service. Don’t forget to wear your green!!!

### **March 24th ( Palm Sunday)**

Immediately following our morning service, pastor emeritus Frank Graichen and his wife Sandy, will present a program in the lounge on their 1988 visit to the Holy Land.

### **March 31st -Happy Easter**

### **April 6 (Saturday)**

Reception for the opening of an art exhibition, by artist Linda Fenigan-Hale , being held in the Lounge , from 10:00am to 4:00pm. The exhibit will include several art pieces and poetry, by Linda Fenigan-Hale, it will remain on display for the month of April. This event will be open to the public at designated times.

## **April 14th(Sunday)**

In combination with the art exhibit in the lounge, we will begin exploring the hobbies and interests of our church family. This will be similar to last year's exploring our heritage event, where we had an opportunity to share our backgrounds and learn about the common heritage of others within our church.

This display will be set up in Fellowship Hall from Sunday, April 14th to Sunday, April 21st and will give all of us an opportunity to share with others, various hobbies and passions within our diverse church family. We encourage both children and adults to participate in sharing hobbies, interests or special collections.

First, kindly complete the questionnaire, it can be returned to Melody or the church office, in person or via the church email. Or you can simply reach out to Melody to discuss.

Second, let Melody know if you will be putting together a display, so that she can provide enough space for your needs. This can include any photographs, stories, awards, art work or other memorabilia that relates to your interest, hobby or collection.

Third, join us for a pot luck luncheon immediately following our Sunday morning service. After the luncheon, feel free to walk around the hall to view the various displays and/or any demonstrations. If you need any assistance with setting up your display or would just like to discuss the event, you can reach out to Melody for any questions or assistance.

## **April 21st(Sunday)**

Enjoy displays of hobbies, collections and interests, by our Trinity Church family members.

## **April 28th (Sunday)**

Spring Penny Party

### **Dates, Times and Locations for the Youth Group**

**(Sponsored and supported by First Presbyterian and Trinity Churches)**

**Times: 5:00pm to 7:30pm**

February 25th-	Trinity Church
March 10th-	First Presbyterian Church
April 14th-	Trinity Church

# Photos of Past Events

Winter Ride and Sing-A- Long, January 1, 2024

Location: Melody and Micheal Milewski's Home



Enjoying a meal, after the wagon ride and the sing-a-long.



Vicki Williams and Elsa Kiepert, enjoying some time together.



Wagon ride at Melody and Micheal Milewski on January 1, 2024.

## Photos from Christmas Eve Service



The Barcomb family participating in the Christmas Eve pageant (Gavin, Sarah and Brinley)



Melody and Micheal Milewski

## Photo from January Youth Group





## Photos of Past Events

### Tacos and Tubing Event on January 14th



Cindy Lucas and Sarah Barcomb, keeping warm on a very cold day.



Putting on those warm gloves



Having fun at the tubing event.



Getting ready to go tubing



Brinley Barcomb enjoying her take-away taco.

## Pastor Karen's Korner for February 2024

As I began to think about what I would write about this month my mind went to the time just before Lent. Though Lent will begin on February 14<sup>th</sup>, there is a short time before this date to discuss and actually continue with some of the things that came up in sermons before Lent. The word that comes to mind is "follow" and another word "love".

Follow, that was in several of the gospel passages in January, including Epiphany, and then in Mark 1:14-20, when Jesus called Simon and Andrew as they fished by the sea.

In a poem by Ann Weems the theme of following and love is heard. Here is that poem that is titled "He is the Way, the Truth and the Life. (John14:6)

Jesus said he was the Way, the Truth, the Life.

And he said, Follow me.

Follow me and live the Way I showed you.

Follow me and live the Truth I showed you.

Follow me and live the Life I showed you.

The Way, the Truth, the Life he showed us was Love.

Live the Way of Love.

Live the Truth of Love.

Live the Life of Love.

I heard a woman say: All we have to do is:

Love Jesus and love one another.

Oh yes!! All we have to do...

Living love is a complicated, painstaking, patient path.

An all – the – time, every time, watch – where – you're – going way.

Living love means making decisions all day long to love,

Living love means patience with those who don't  
care about living love,

Living love means watching our words as well as  
our actions,

Living love means treating others as we  
ourselves want to be treated.

Living love means not hitting back,

Living love means loving those who speak all  
manner of evil against us.

Living love means forgiving, means forgetting,

Living love means there is no room for  
self – righteousness,

Living love means being the people of God

Together,

a community of those who love one another  
and who love all the one another's that God created.

Living love means understanding those who hate.

Living love means going into all the world and telling God's story.

I paraphrased this since it is long.

As you can see from this poem , living the love of God, following is not just loving Jesus and one another but are actions toward one another. And so ,during our time of Lent, maybe always may we follow in love and live our love in the world.

I hope you have a wonderful February and join us in service and in activities. We have begun our book study of Sons of Encouragement and if you have not joined please feel free to come on a Monday morning at 10 for a great discussion of this book. If you need a copy, please call me and I will give you one.

Have a great February.

Blessings, Pastor Karen

## **Tidbits of Trinity**

On February 11<sup>th</sup> we will have a Fastnacht celebration with German food and music provided by Aaron following our morning service in preparation for Lent, which starts on Ash Wednesday, February 14th.

Many people give up something for Lent during the 40 days before Easter. This Lenten sacrifice is spiritually motivated, it is voluntary time with the purpose of bringing us closer to God, to prioritize God and to put God in the center of our minds and lives.

If you are still pondering something to “give up” think about this writing I found from an old newsletter. I have adapted it to current times as you will see when you read this.

### **What to Give up for Lent**

Give up grumbling. Instead “In everything, give thanks”.

Give up 10 minutes in bed. Instead use that time in prayer.

Give up looking for other people’s worst points. Instead, concentrate on their best ones. (There is some good in everyone)

Give up speaking unkindly. Instead, let your speech be generous and understanding.

Give up your worries. Instead, trust God with them.

Give up hatred or dislike of anyone. Instead, learn to love.

Give up the fear which prevents Christian witness. Instead, seek courage to speak of your faith to others.

Give up television and video games one evening a week. Instead, visit some lonely or sick person.

Give up judging appearances by the standards of the world. Instead, learn to give up yourself to God.

# Trinity Tidbits

## Leonard Zingerline

I feel it is important to pay tribute to a person who has given the members of Trinity Church the opportunity to continue to keep our doors open to all and provide for our church family.

In addition to our members generous contributions and fundraising throughout our history, much of our foundation for existence is due to Mr. Leonard Zingerline.

I remember Mr. Zingerline as being a well-dressed, kind, soft spoken, compassionate and generous man, always helping those in need.

Leonard Zingerline was born in the Town of Verona May 22, 1896, the son of Phillip and Sophia Alder Zingerline. He attended Rome schools and was a partner in the Zingerline Contracting Company, which was organized in 1910.

He was a member of the board of trustees of the Oneida County Savings Bank for 40 years, member of the Teugega Country Club, the Rome Club, the Rome Cemetery board of trustees and a life member of the Rome Lodge of Elks.

He was also on the Trinity Church Council and active on several committees within the church.

Len loved walking throughout the city from his homes which he built on West Dominick St. and later at 1109 North George St.

On October 27, 1914, he married Lena Marie Brunner. Lena's parents and sisters, Martha and Bertha, were longstanding Trinity members and Len became an active member of the church when he started dating Lena Marie. Lena studied Opera, from Mr. Durshell, a music teacher in Rome. She sang in the church choir and was a member of the Trinity quartet which consisted of Lena, her sister Martha Brunner Fectau VanAlstine, Ted Humez and George Schroth.

In the 1930's and 40's Len and Lena Marie would winter in Florida and they always sent boxes of oranges to the church for the congregation to share.

Leonard was on the committee in 1949 for the renovation of the sanctuary and reappointment of the church chancel.

Lena Marie passed away on Dec. 31, 1958.

On September 20, 1959 a dedication of the new church school and social facilities was held. The wing was named the Trinity Church School (the restrooms and five second story Sunday School rooms) and the Zingerline Memorial Chapel (lounge) named in memory of Lena Zingerline. This was an addition to the existing church structure. Len was the builder and financier for the Sunday School wing.

On April 9, 1960, Len married Elsa Juergens. Elsa first came to Rome in August 1910 when her father, Reverend A. Juergens was called to be pastor of Trinity Evangelical Church. He worked faithfully for the church including the six weeks he was confined to his home due to heart trouble, before passing away in December 1917.

Elsa moved to Ohio after her father's passing but always kept in touch with several people here in Rome, returned to Rome and Trinity Church when she married Leonard. She was an active member of the church both as a child growing up in the church and when she returned. She passed away May 16, 1978.

Leonard passed away only six months later on November 7, 1978.

Len loved his church and the following is a copy of the Leonard Zingerline letter, from our church office files:

Rome, New York  
November 1, 1962

Board of Trustees  
Trinity United Church of Christ  
215 West Court Street  
Rome, NY 13440  
My dear Gentlemen:

I am writing this letter in connection with the execution of my last Will and Testament, and it is my desire and request that this letter be read each year hereafter at the annual meeting of the Congregation of our Church.

By the terms of my last Will and Testament, I have provided a Trust Fund and the income from said Trust Fund is to be received by the board of Trustees of our church annually and used in their discretion for general church purposes. This is a perpetual Trust and the Board of Trustees will receive this income yearly as long as our church exists in the City of Rome, New York.

I have created this Fund as I have a deep sense of pride and loyalty to our church, and I desire to have the physical assets of our Church maintained along with the spiritual teaching of the Church. Likewise, I desire that every member of the congregation join with me in this endeavor by continuing to financially support the Church according to their means.

As previously state, the income from this Trust will be received annually by the board of Trustees and will be expended by them and in their discretion for general church purposes. It is my request that the income under this paragraph shall be kept in a separate account and that the expenditures therefrom shall be made subject to the approval of the congregation of the Trinity United Church of Christ, of Rome, New York, at any regular or special meeting called. However, if sufficient income remains in any year after the expenditures for general church purposes, then in that event I make the following recommendations to the Board of Trustees:

The Pastor should receive a salary adequate to support him in his station in life. Consideration should be given to any member of the congregation in need of financial assistance.

Consideration should be given to any high school pupil who is a member of the congregation and in need of financial assistance to complete his or her high school education.

Consideration should be given to the support of the United Fund Drive in Rome, NY Consideration should be given to the support of The Rome Home, Rome, NY

Consideration should be given for granting financial assistance to qualified church members who desire to continue their education for the ministry and/or specialized work in the church.

Sincerely,  
Leonard Zingerline

In this world of uncertainly for many churches at this time, Trinity is truly blessed to be able to continue to support the maintenance of our facility, our congregational needs, a pastor and staff for the church in addition to the many outreach organizations both within our community and around the world.

*Melody Kiepert Milewski*

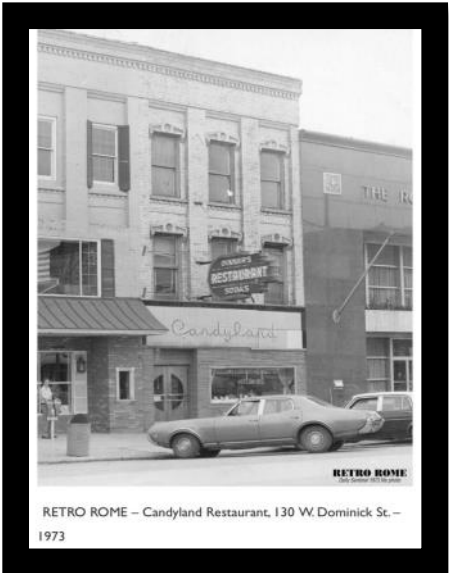
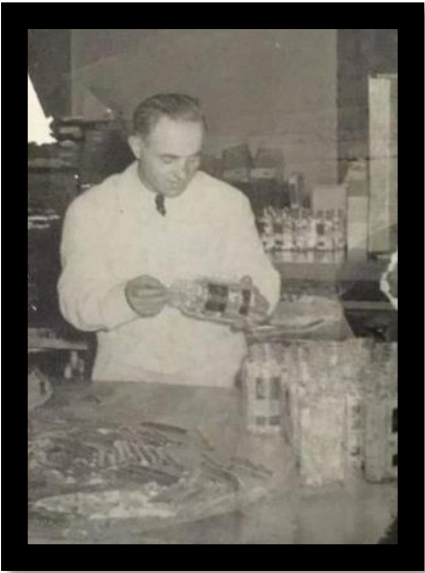


Leonard Zingerline portrait hanging  
in Lounge.



The Trinity Quartet  
Mrs. Leonard (Lena) Zingerline  
Mrs. Hector (Martha) Fecteau  
Me. George Schroth  
Mr. Theodore Humez  
Organist: Mrs. Joseph Schmitt

Follow up to last months Trinity Tidbits, here a photo of Candyland and Dmitri (Jimmy) Kekis, making and sending them off to the President of the United States.







## **FEBRUARY**

4th- Jacquie DeMatteo  
10th- Cooper Colosimo  
10th- Madelyn Colosimo  
15th- Nancy Kipp  
18th- Jacob Palmer  
20th- Marge Runice  
28th- Hilda LoRusso

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

**Kathy and David Wood– February 18th**

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