TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

2023 Mini-Tidings February #2

Life Transformed
The Way of Love in Lent

The journey through Lent into Easter is a journey with Jesus. We are baptized into his life, self-giving, and death; then, we rise in hope to life transformed.

This Lent, communities are invited to walk with Jesus in his Way of Love and into the experience of transformed life. Together, we will reflect anew on the loving actions of God as recounted in the Easter Vigil readings. Together, we will walk through the depths of salvation history into the fullness of redemption.

https://www.episcopalchurch.org/life-transformed-the-way-of-love-in-lent/

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Our purpose is to encourage fellowship among Trinity members and visitors and to announce upcoming events and activities.

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On Saturday, Feb 11, Trinity Church hosted a Valentine's Dinner for Lindenwood international students and advisors. Forty-six people filled the parish hall, talking, eating, laughing, and playing games. Students from Colombia, Venezuela, South Africa, Panama, El Salvador, Guatemala, Spain, Japan, Ecuador, and Bolivia shared a meal of lasagna, salad, garlic bread, toasted ravioli, soup, cookies, fudge, and candy.

The tables were decorated with red and pink tablecloths, Valentine confetti, and pencils for students to take home. Everyone introduced themselves and said where they were from. They talked about Valentine's Day traditions in their countries--if they had them. Every table filled out a sheet of paper with things they could see (or hear) in the room matching the letters of the word, "VALENTINE." After they filled out the papers, they wrote group poems, using the words on the page--vent, telephone, voices, and ears were among the words that made it into some very clever, and very funny, group poems. The third activity was a relay race, involving 21 people in three teams. Each person ran to a table, picked up a card, and completed the action on the card on their way back to their line. Michael Nchimbi had to "tiptoe through the tulips" -- a new experience for him!

Trinity people who helped prepare and serve the food, decorate, and clean up were Betty Bowen, Donna Osiecki, John and Vicki Barnard, John and Lana Tumbarello, Barbara Parks, Marty Neuman, and Judy Hodge. Michelle Heitman dropped off salad and toasted ravioli from Imo's Pizza for the group. Betty Bowen ordered the pasta and coordinated all the volunteers. Michael Nchimbi welcomed everyone and offered an opening prayer. Tamsen Whistler and Bob Brown were there to cheer everyone on. Costs for the event were covered by a portion of the $1000 grant given to each congregation by the Diocese of Misssouri last year to jump-start or expand outreach ministries.

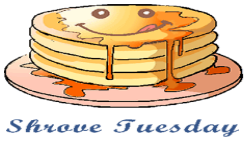
IMPORTANT!!! NEW ZOOM LINK!

This link will be valid from 2/19/22 through 5/28/23

Join Zoom Meeting
Meeting ID: 849 9566 0084
Passcode: 864698
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84995660084?pwd=elhlOTZZa2pUdTVObVhXMkVXN0VOZz09

Sunday, Feb 19: *Last Sunday after the Epiphany!*

All ages "Lent Event" in Parish Hall. Make-and-take crafts for every member of the family, organized by Christy Henke Ratliff. Also, on the same day: The Bridge Fair Trade Market Here! Both events between and after services!



Tues, Feb 21*:* Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper & Burning of Palms 5-7PM, All you can eat pancakes, sausage, and bacon. Free-will offering gladly accepted.

Wed, Feb 22: Ash Wednesday services at Noon and 7:00 PM
Both services In-person and Online.

Feb 24 & 25: Vestry Retreat: Virtual Friday Night; 7-9PM in-person Saturday in the St. Hilda Room, 9AM to 3PM

Sun, Feb 26: First Sunday in Lent; Sunday Forum Resumes, 9-10 AM!

It's been a while since we had this!

Would you like to celebrate a Loved one's birthday? Perhaps commemorate a loved one? We have a sign up sheet for Altar Flowers in the Reception area. Just pick your date and sign your name, and tell us what the occasion is.

Trinity will once again be providing Easter "basket" bags to youth in detention facilities through Episcopal City Mission this year. We typically decorate the bags with drawings, Bible verses and words of encouragement to show our friends in detention that they are loved.

If you'd like to help decorate, please meet in the St. Hilda Room on Feb. 26 after the 10:15 service. We'll have markers and other art supplies. If you'd like to donate money or items for filling the bags, please contact Erin Shetler at erin.m.shetler@gmail.com

What's Happening in our Diocese?

Gun Sense Legislative Advocacy Day

Tuesday, March 7, 2023, 10:00 AM

All are invited to Jefferson City on Tuesday, March 7 to
attend gun sense legislative advocacy day. This is an opportunity to join with Missourians all across the state to ask our legislators to protect our children and families by enacting sensible gun laws.
This event, sponsored by the MO chapter of Moms Demand Action, will begin with training and education and then offer participants a chance to visit legislators in groups of 8-10 people to advocate for common sense gun laws. You don't need any experience, just the willingness to participate.
The Episcopal Church across Missouri will be hosting an interfaith prayer service on the steps of the state capitol between 10:40 and 11 a.m. as an optional part of the day's agenda. This is an opportunity for the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement to raise our hearts and voices together for the common good.
The event begins at 10 a.m. and will conclude by 2 pm.
You will receive more information once you register
https://www.diocesemo.org/blog/gun-sense-legislative-advocacy-day/?occurrence=337

ECM Annual Meeting

Tuesday, February 28, 2023, 12:00 PM

EPISCOPAL CITY MISSION
Providing Hope & Healing for Children in Detention

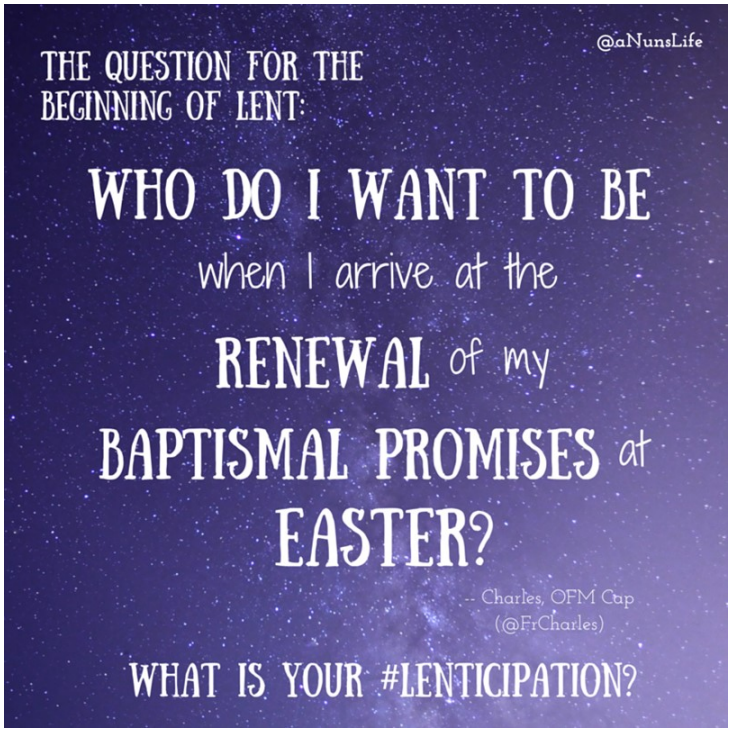
Each year the Corporation of Episcopal City Mission of the Diocese of Missouri gathers for our Annual Meeting to celebrate milestones and successes of ECM's past year of ministry with children in the juvenile justice system and to elect new Board members, adopt a budget, and set our focus for the coming year. Once again, we will meet virtually for the Annual Meeting.

Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2023
12 - 12:45 p.m.

A Zoom link and documents will be emailed to registered attendees a few days prior to the meeting. **RSVP by Tuesday, Feb. 21** (including your email address) to our Development Assistant Angela Breeher (314.436.3545 or ecitymission@sbcglobal.net).

Thank you for the many ways you support our ministry of bringing hope and healing to children and youth in St. Louis' juvenile justice system. We look forward to seeing you on Zoom on February 28.

"My parents are giving up desserts for Lent. So I'm balancing the family diet by giving up vegetables."



"He's a bit of a perfectionist..."