

# The Trinitarian

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## THE PASTOR'S PEN . . .



**"So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God" (2 Corinthians 5:17-21).**

In the Gospel of John, when John the Baptist sees Jesus, he says, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" This is John's narrative way of expressing the truth proclaimed by Paul: "in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them." In his infinitely sacrificial love, God takes away our sin through the death of his Son on the cross. To where does he take our sin? Into Christ, and so into his own heart. Reconciliation is costly.

Whatever else Paul is saying when he speaks about a "new creation" in Christ, he means that God is eternally inviting us into a reconciled relationship with God and into reconciliation with one another. Through Christ, God is constantly "taking away the sin of the world," that is, extending his grace to us.

To be drawn into this "new creation" in Christ, "through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand" (Romans 5:2), means that we are called into a "cruciform" life ourselves. Since the heart of the meaning of the cross is reconciliation between God and us, then the heart of the Christian life is the pursuit of reconciliation and peace between us and our fellow human beings. This is the practical expression of the love of God between us. 1 John 4:11 puts it simply: "Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another."

The season of Lent provides a wonderful opportunity to experience -- and then to practice -- the costly love of God that leads to reconciliation. Share in worship and in the other spiritual practices that can help you to trust in God's grace for you. Then, ask God to help you see where you need to seek genuine reconciliation with someone. Reconciliation is costly, but it leads us into the heart of God. This is the essence of Jesus' invitation: "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake and for the sake of the gospel, will save it" (Mark 8:34-35).

Grace and peace,  
Bob Shield

P.S. Invite a friend to worship this Sunday! I will be away praying for you on my Lenten Prayer Retreat, and Rev. W. C. Hall will be preaching on John 10:1-15, "I Am the Good Shepherd."

**WORSHIP WITH US  
DURING EASTER WEEK**

**Palm Sunday**

March 29 ~ 8:15 AM & 10:30 AM  
9:15 AM, Nita McKnight Parlor  
“Holy Week 2015: Life of Jesus”

**Holy Wednesday Taizé**

April 1 ~ 6:00 PM

**Maundy Thursday**

April 2 ~ 7:00 PM

**Good Friday Tenebrae**

April 3 ~ 7:00 PM

**Easter Sunday**

8:15 AM & 10:30 AM

All services are in the Sanctuary.  
(Childcare is available during all services)

**VIDEO PRESENTATION  
PALM SUNDAY**

Prayer Ministries invites you to join us for a special program on March 29, Palm Sunday, during the Sunday School hour. Phoebe Dishman will present a video entitled “Holy Week 2015: Life of Jesus”. This audio-visual meditation is geared for adults and youth. Classes and individuals are welcome. We will gather at 9:15 AM in the Nita McKnight Parlor to begin our Holy Week experience.

**OUR MISSION: KNOW GOD. BE TRANSFORMED. LOVE.**

# GALVESTON YOUTH MISSION TRIP

March 20-22

Cost: \$75  
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\_\_\_ Memory Garden

\_\_\_ Library

\_\_\_ Morning Out Club

\_\_\_ Parsonage Refurbishing

\_\_\_ Young at Heart Retirees

\_\_\_ TV Ministry

\_\_\_ Trinity Army

\_\_\_ Youth

\_\_\_ Other

## WELCOME NEW MEMBER



**Mary Sonya Garcia**  
of Beaumont



## WAYS YOU CAN SERVE GOD

**EASTER CAPS** ~ The United Methodist Women are filling Easter Caps for the children at Boys Haven and Girls Haven and are in need of the following items: new ball caps, gum, socks for girls and boys, and small trinkets like fingernail polish and other Easter basket fillers. Please place your donations in the UMW grey tub in the library. We thank you for any donations you can make to help these children have a happy Easter.

**GARDEN TOOLS** ~ Nutrition Services for Seniors is developing a community garden to provide fresh vegetables and fruit for their Meals on Wheels clients. A large collection of garden tools, including wheelbarrows and tools you no longer use, would be greatly appreciated. Contact Mike Warren at 409-892-8687 or 409-656-0934 or by email, [pybmw@gt.rr.com](mailto:pybmw@gt.rr.com).

**YOUNG AT HEART RETIREES GROUP** ~ The YAH will meet on Wednesday, March 25, in the Youth Center. Games begin at 10 AM. For those not interested in games, please join the group at Noon for a potluck lunch.

**BODY IN MISSION PROJECTS AND DATES** ~ will be coming soon. You will be given an opportunity to sign up for the projects of your choice at the Spring Picnic on Sunday, April 12.

**SAVE THE DATE!** The UMW Spring Luncheon and Style Show will be held on May 1, at Noon, in Vivion Hall. Tickets are available now and the cost is \$15. Call Marian Pekar, Ticket Chairman, 892-5457(leave message).

**THE MEMORY GARDEN IS NEARING COMPLETION** ~ We are very grateful for your generous donations for the trees and shrubs. Still needed are cash donations for the little things to make it beautiful. Please consider making a donation for the Memory Garden.

**EASTER LILIES AND WOODEN CROSSES** ~ You may place your orders for Easter lilies and/or wooden crosses in the Narthex on Sundays or the church office anytime. The lilies cost \$20 and the crosses are \$10 (available in 2 styles). All proceeds go toward support of mission projects. The deadline for ordering Easter Lilies is March 22.

## THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 15</b>
<b>Worship/Sanctuary</b>	<b>8:15 AM</b>
Sunday School Classes/Various Rooms	9:15 AM
<b>Worship/Sanctuary</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
Kids Worship/Vivion Hall	10:45 AM
Praise Team Rehearsal/Choir Room	4:00 PM
UMYF/Youth Center	5:00 PM
<b>Monday</b>	<b>March 16</b>
Sterling Silver Singers/Off Site	10:30 AM
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>March 17</b>
Disciple Bible Study/Rm 101	9:30 AM
<i>The God We Can Know</i> Study/Rm 102	9:30 AM
UMW/Lib	10:00 AM
BIM/Rm 110	NOON
Bldg. Committee/Rm 105	NOON
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>March 18</b>
UMW Luncheon Chair, Mtng/Parlor	10:00 AM
Centering Prayer/Chapel	10:30 AM
Wednesday Night Dinner/Vivion Hall	5:00 PM
<b><i>Refresh!</i> Worship/Chapel</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
Chancel Choir/Choir Room	7:00 PM
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>March 19</b>
Caring Ministries Meeting/Library	10:00 AM

## TUMC PHONE EXTENSIONS

Here is a list for your convenience, please cut it out and place it near your phone for future reference.

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