

THE COMPASS

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New and Unique Christian Service Opportunity

The Church of the Damascus Road Prison Ministry (CODR) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to addressing the spiritual needs of individuals both inside and outside the Fort Dodge and Rockwell City prisons.

This ecumenical ministry collaborates with local individuals and churches to reach incarcerated people with the Gospel and to assist them in making a healthy transition back into society. Their mission is to reduce recidivism by addressing the underlying factors that lead individuals to reoffend, such as unemployment, inadequate housing, lack of education, social isolation, unhealthy coping strategies, and spiritual emptiness.

CODR hosts worship services inside the prison, providing inmates with the opportunity to join together in music and prayer, and to engage with scripture and messages. Additionally, they run a special ministry called **Prison Fellowship Grow Groups**. This small group initiative focuses on real-life issues through the lens of scripture, meeting weekly to discuss effective communication, problem-solving, conflict resolution, and various other topics that help participants navigate the challenges of reintegrating into society.

Rev. Kelli Glasgo serves as the pastor and ministry director of CODR. **He has informed Pastor Bobbie about volunteer opportunities for adults to be trained as small group facilitators for the Prison Fellowship Grow Groups, which currently meet on Tuesdays from 6-8 PM and Thursdays from 2-4 PM.** The current groups will graduate, and a new class will begin in mid-May. **Pastor Kelli will be here on March 14th and 15th to share more!**

Becoming involved with CODR as a Grow Group leader will not only change the lives of the people in the small group you'll be leading. Yes, you'll be able to empower them with information, confidence, and stronger faith. But more than that, the Holy Spirit will change you.

If you're interested in learning more about becoming a Grow group leader or co-leader, please reach out to Pastor Bobbie Maltas at 281-793-7558. To learn more about CODR, visit www.codrcare.org.

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WORSHIP WITH US

Saturday Worship – 5:30pm

Sunday Worship – 9:30am

Sunday Livestream on
Facebook & YouTube

Visit trinityumcfd.org

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MARCH
 Birthdays

- 1 Kathy Becker
- 3 Peyton Meyer
- 4 Charlie Schelle
- 4 Benjamin Pingel
- 4 Kennedie Hatlestad
- 7 Steve Becker
- 8 Aerial Peterson
- 8 Reese Richman
- 9 Chris Cornwell
- 10 Richard Zahrobsky
- 13 Emma Alstott
- 13 Patricia Nielson
- 14 Dan Cassady
- 17 Don Sampson
- 17 Andrea Surles
- 18 Nancy Ropte
- 18 Colette Salmon
- 18 Carol Etzel
- 21 Josh Smith
- 22 Rick Sessler
- 24 Shelbi Beckman
- 24 Steve Roe
- 24 Mary Auten
- 25 Mary Dixon-Wooten
- 25 Adaline Peterson
- 29 Justin Roberts
- 30 Matthew Surles-Davis
- 30 Mollyann Laird

CONFIRMATION QUIZ ANSWER #1: George Whitefield

BLOOD
 drive

Trinity UMC's Blood Drive

Friday, March 13, 2026
2:00pm - 5:30pm
Fellowship Hall

One Donation Can Save 3 Lives

To Sign Up,

- Go to the Link LifeServeBloodCenter.org
- Click **GIVE BLOOD**
- Address: **Fort Dodge, IA 50501**
- Procedures: **Whole Blood**
- When: **March 13, 2026**
- Click **Find Drives**
- Select **Trinity UMC**
- Choose your Time to Donate

You may also call Ramona Peterson at 515-570-5514.

Since this is a great passion of Ramona, she is kindly donating two \$50 gift cards to encourage sign-ups.

When you come in and donate, you will be entered to win one. After your donation, schedule your next donation to be entered to win another one!



HOW CAN
 we Pray
FOR YOU?



MARCH
 Anniversaries

- 3 Steve & Debbie Roe
- 7 Mark & Jan Wilkens
- 19 Ed & JoAnn Becker
- 27 Nick & Colette Salmon



we are so lucky to have you



Memorial Scholarship

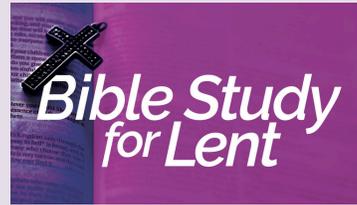
Although there's still snow on the ground, it will soon be spring! And that means graduation soon follows.

For those of you who are graduating and are heading off to college in the fall, **remember Trinity UMC offers scholarships!**

To apply, contact Mallory (in the office) for an application. **Fill it out and get it back to the office by April 30th.**

Enjoy the rest of your school year--no matter what grade you're in.

Kathy Arends
Memorial Committee Chair



Adult Sunday School Class Lenten Bible Study
Jesus' Journey to the Cross & Personal Dignity
Begins on Sunday, March 8
at 11:00am
in the Fireside Room

The month of March, the Adult Sunday School Class will be studying *Jesus' Journey to the Cross & Personal Dignity*, a Lenten Bible Study by Angela Cunigan. Each week participants are encouraged to bring an item or two to complete a **Midwest Mission Personal Dignity Kit**.

PERSONAL DIGNITY KIT SHOPPING LIST

- 1 hand towel - no kitchen towels**
- 1 washcloth - no dishcloths**
- 1 toothbrush (no multipacks)**
- 1 bar soap - 3-4 oz.**
- 1 shampoo -12-19 oz.**
- 1 deodorant - 2-3 oz. (stick, roll-on, or pump)**
- 1 lotion - 8-10 oz.**
- 1 1-gallon resealable plastic bag**
- \$2 to be used to supply toothpaste and a knapsack**

There is no study book to purchase or read.

All members and guests are invited to join the class.

If for some reason you cannot attend the Sunday School Class, **you can still be involved by contributing an item or giving money for purchasing toothpaste (there is an expiration date on toothpaste), a kit, and shipping.** There is a display in the hallway showing the items needed and the specific type and size. Most items are under \$2. If every member could contribute one item, our church would bless many people who are going through a disaster.

Please join us for the Sunday School and find out how a toothbrush can be related to Jesus being tempted by the devil.





I want to share a few insights after recently participating in a healing service for my sister-in-law, Mary Stover Schafer. She and husband, Brian, the lay pastor at Boyden Presbyterian Church, desired to create a worship experience for all who are in need of healing. Mary was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer a year ago. As a nurse, Mary understands the diagnosis, but she chooses to focus on her faith in Jesus Christ and his power to heal. God spoke to Mary through the story of the bleeding woman in Mark 5. Maybe God will speak to you too. As we journey with Jesus to the cross, what kind of healing do you need?

After 12 years of suffering, the bleeding woman said to herself, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed." She didn't speak or ask—she simply reached out, and she was healed. Jesus stopped and asked, "Who touched me?" He wasn't satisfied with a hidden miracle. When the trembling woman came forward, he told her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."

In this same passage, Jairus asked Jesus to heal his 12-year-old daughter. But Jesus' delay in getting to Jairus' home turned hope into despair, as she died. But Jesus told Jairus, "Don't be afraid; just believe." When Jesus arrives at Jairus' house, he takes the child by the hand, and says, "Little girl, I say to you, get up!" And she does. No fear, just faith.

What looks final to us is never final to Jesus. Faith is not about having control, but about trusting the One who does. **Jesus responds to faith that reaches out and faith that holds on.** Whether we feel like the woman in the crowd or Jairus waiting in agony, Jesus meets us where we are and says, "Don't be afraid; just believe."

Blessings, Laura

JAM NEWS

The elementary children are learning about several of Jesus' miracles this semester.



The first three have been when Jesus turned water into wine, used mud to bring sight to a blind man, and opened the ears of a deaf man. The children have worn blindfolds, ear plugs, and ate chocolate "mud" pudding to experience these miracles.

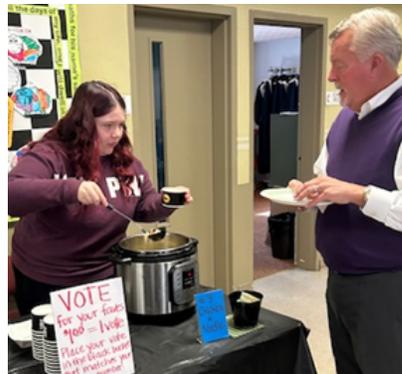
The last miracle will be God raising Jesus from the dead on the Wednesday after Easter.

Later in April we'll celebrate all things CAMP with a visit from Kali Tomilson, program director at Lake Okoboji United Methodist Camp. **The last JAM is April 29.**

SOUPER BOWL RESULTS

Erika serves Bruce Murman a cup of Chicken Noodle soup, one of 8 soups to sample and vote for on Super Bowl Sunday.

Almost \$700 was raised!



Clara Brown's Touchdown Corn Chowder received the most "dollar" votes! Second-place went to **Hailey Kiplinger's Cheesy Baked Potato.** **Ella & Eli Johnson's Marry Me Chicken Soup** received third place.

A special thanks to Ruth Babbitt, Chris Johnson and the youth for hosting the event and all the church members and friends who supported it with your attendance and donations.

Congratulations to Bruce Murman who guessed the score of the Super Bowl game closest!

BATTLE OF THE YOUTH GROUPS



During the **BATTLE of the YOUTH GROUPS on Feb. 1st**, the senior high scored 1st place in the pictured challenge.

The goal: balance the most solo cups on someone's back in 60 seconds.

Taleyah and Mateo carefully stacked more than 50 cups on Ella's back!

WHAT'S HAPPENING NEXT?

***JAM, Confirmation/Bible Study, Stop & Go Supper, and Youth Bible Study** will meet Wednesday, March 4, 18, & 25.

SPRING BREAK for the Fort Dodge Schools is March 9 – 13th, so **NO YOUTH ACTIVITIES** this week.

YOUTH GROUP (6th – 12th grades) will meet on Sunday March 1, 15, & tentatively either the 22/29th, time to be determined. Reminder texts will be sent.

SAVE YOUR TREASURES for the 4th ANNUAL GAB (Garage, Attic & Basement Treasures) SALE, tentatively planned for the first week in June. Church family, your treasures can be donated at any time after April 1!

CONFIRMATION QUIZ & INFORMATION

1. CAN YOU GUESS WHO THIS IS?

- He was named the Master of Open-Air Preaching in the mid-1700's
- He had crossed eyes – and people said it made his preaching more intense!
- He was good buddies with John and Charles Wesley, but they argued over predestination
- He preached to crowds of 20,000+ without amplification
 - Find the answers on page [Page 2](#)

2. CAN YOU GUESS WHO THIS IS?

- She was born into slavery but escaped in 1826
- Although not institutionally loyal and didn't anchor herself to any denomination, she was spiritually a Revivalist Methodist.
- She was heavily involved with the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church (AME Zion) in New York in the early and mid-1800's.
- She wrote, "Ain't I a Woman," which includes this statement: Then that little man in black there, he says women can't have as much rights as men, 'cause Christ wasn't a woman! Where did your Christ come from? Where did your Christ come from? From God and a woman! Man had nothing to do with Him.
 - Find the answers on page [Page 3](#)

These are only two of the historical figures from United Methodism we're learning about in confirmation. Our UM history is rich with brave men and women who followed the promptings of the Holy Spirit to spread the Gospel.

Our confirmation class has been studying the history of Christianity in general, including events such as the Protestant Reformation and the Methodist split over slavery. Last weekend, we learned interesting life facts about the founder of the Methodist movement, John Wesley, and ten other men and women who shaped our church. The next time we have class, we have several figures from our own time who represent China, The Philippines, the continent of Africa, and more. **We are a beautiful global church!**

We've also spent time learning about worship: the liturgical seasons of the Christian year, United Methodist sacraments, items and spaces of the Sanctuary, Narthex, and Chancel.

Confirmation Sunday is April 19, and we have students who would love to have a mentor from the larger congregation stand with them as they make their vows to uphold the church with their prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

If you'd like to fill that role for one of our students, please contact Pastor Bobbie Maltas at 281-793-7558 or bobbie.maltas@iaumc.net. The only prerequisite is that you are a member of Trinity UMC.



MISSIONS Committee



In February, we supported **Blankets of Hope** through Church World Services. These blankets provide warmth and comfort to people in need around the world. Every \$10 donated pays for one blanket, and amazingly **you all donated \$375!** We are so thankful for all who gave money for the Blankets of Hope!

Are your **empty grocery bags** falling out of your cupboard? You're in luck because we could use those extra grocery bags! And then we'd be the lucky ones if you could help us with folding and cutting them, as well as weaving the loops. **Come have fun with us while we turn these unwanted grocery bags into sleeping mats for those in need!**

Many of the mats we've made stay within our community! **The Shining a Light Together (SALT) Center in Fort Dodge** gives them to people who visit the cooling and warming center. The dedicated team at the SALT Center is committed to providing people in need with a safe, comfortable place to get out of the weather extremes, with a focus on reliable and innovative alternatives to weather extremes. The SALT Center is located on the top floor of First Baptist Church.

Weaving sessions are every Monday and Friday from 10:00am to 11:00am.

Additional Weaving Sessions:

Thursday, March 12th from 5:00 to 7:00pm

Saturday, March 21st from 10:00am to Noon.

Everyone is welcome!

Jayne Cassidy

Missions Committee Chair

Dear Trinity UMC,

Thank you for your donations to SALT! You help us live out our mission! We appreciate all the plastic mats that you have made for our friends! Lots of hard work and love go into those. Thank you again!

SALT-
Shining A Light Together



CONGREGATION ASSESSMENT TOOL (CAT) RESULTS MEETING

Thank you all for completing our CAT Survey in February! Now it's time for us to learn from it.

**Join us on
Tuesday, March 3,
at 6:30pm**

We will be joined by Pastor Vicki Fisher, from the United Methodist Church of Mount Vernon, who will help us review the data. This meeting will give us a collective understanding of what the data is saying and how to best move forward together.

Let's plan our future together!



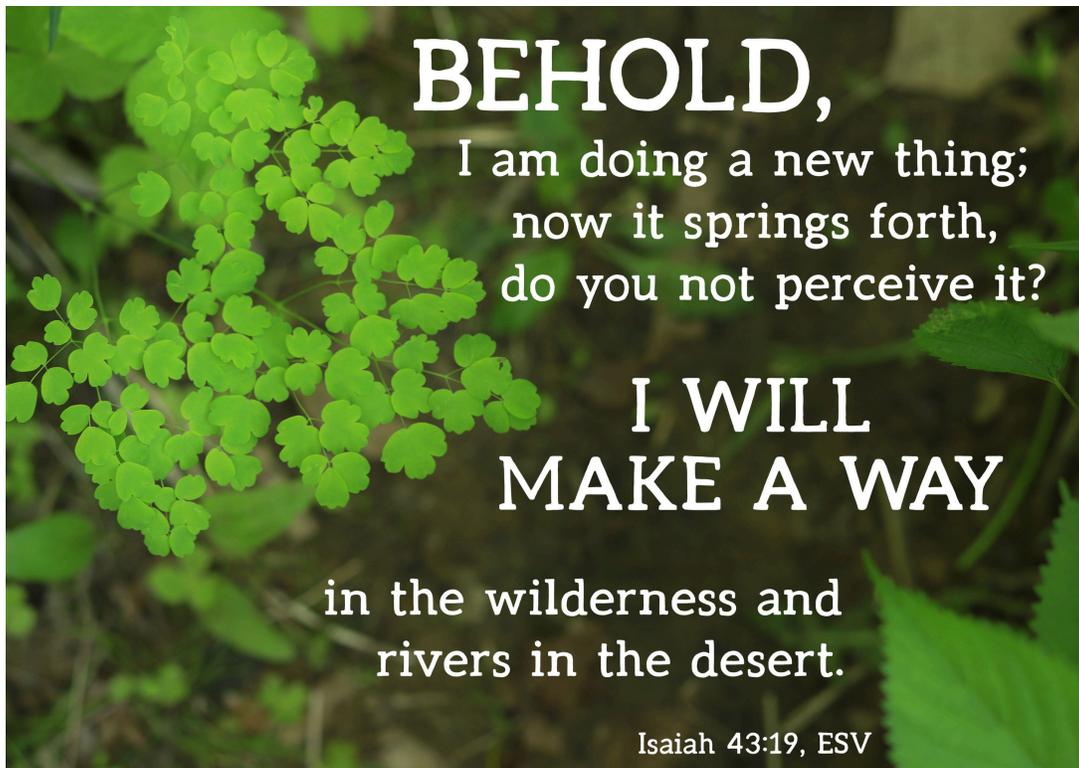
March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Potluck 9:30am Worship 11:00am Adult Sunday-School 11:00am Confirmation-Class 2:00pm ICCC Prince of Egypt Musical	2 9:00am RSVP BASE Fitness 10:00am Missions Loom 1:00pm RSVP BASE Fitness 6:30pm Lent Bible Study	3 9:00am Trinity Quilters 5:00pm Missions Committee Meeting 6:30pm CAT Results Meeting	4 9:00am Accountant Here 10:00am Coffee with Friends 3:20pm JAM 3:45pm Middle School Bible Study 5:00pm Stop & Go Supper 5:15pm Board of Trustees Meeting 6:30pm Choir 6:30pm High School Bible Study	5 8:30am Trinity Bible Study 9:30am Community Bible Study 10:25am Teen Parent Connection Group 1:00pm RSVP Base Fitness	6 9:00am RSVP BASE Fitness 10:00am Missions Loom	7 5:30pm Worship
8 Daylight Saving Time Begins 9:30am Worship 11:00am Adult Sunday School Bible Study 11:00am Confirmation Class	9 9:00am RSVP BASE Fitness 10:00am Missions Loom 1:00pm RSVP BASE Fitness 6:30pm Lent Bible Study	10 9:00am Trinity Quilters 5:45pm Finance Committee Meeting 6:00pm FD Quilters Guild 6:30pm Ad Council Meeting	11 10:00am Coffee with Friends	12 8:30am Trinity Bible Study 9:30am Community Bible Study 10:25am Teen Parent Connection Group 1:00pm RSVP Base Fitness 5:00pm Mat Weaving Session	13 9:00am RSVP BASE Fitness 10:00am Missions Loom 2:00pm Blood Drive	14 5:30pm Worship
15 9:30am Worship 11:00am Adult Sunday School Bible Study 11:00am Confirmation Class	16 9:00am RSVP BASE Fitness 9:30am Webster County Retired School Personnel Meeting 10:00am Missions Loom 1:00pm RSVP BASE Fitness 6:30pm Lent Bible Study	17 St. Patrick's Day 9:00am Trinity Quilters	18 9:00am Accountant Here 10:00am Coffee with Friends 3:20pm JAM 3:45pm Middle School Bible Study 5:00pm Stop & Go Supper 6:30pm Choir 6:30pm High School Bible Study	19 8:30am Trinity Bible Study 9:30am Community Bible Study 10:25am Teen Parent Connection Group 1:00pm RSVP Base Fitness	20 Newsletter Articles DUE First Day of Spring 9:00am RSVP BASE Fitness 10:00am Missions Loom	21 10:00am Mat Weaving Session 5:30pm Worship
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29 Palm Sunday 9:30am Worship 11:00am Adult Sunday School Bible Study 11:00am Confirmation Class	30 "Were You There" Christian Concert Set-Up 9:00am RSVP BASE Fitness 10:00am Missions Loom 1:00pm RSVP BASE Fitness 6:30pm Lent Bible Study	31 9:00am Trinity Quilters 7:00pm "Were You There" Christian Concert	1 10:00am Coffee with Friends 3:20pm JAM 3:45pm Middle School Bible Study 5:00pm Stop & Go Supper 6:30pm Choir 6:30pm High School Bible Study	2 8:30am Trinity Bible Study 9:30am Community Bible Study 10:25am Teen Parent Connection Group 1:00pm RSVP Base Fitness 5:30pm Board of Trustees Meeting 6:30pm Maundy Thursday Taize	3 9:00am RSVP BASE Fitness 10:00am Missions Loom 6:30pm Good Friday Tenebrae	4



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March 2026 Newsletter



BEHOLD,

I am doing a new thing;
now it springs forth,
do you not perceive it?

**I WILL
MAKE A WAY**

in the wilderness and
rivers in the desert.

Isaiah 43:19, ESV