

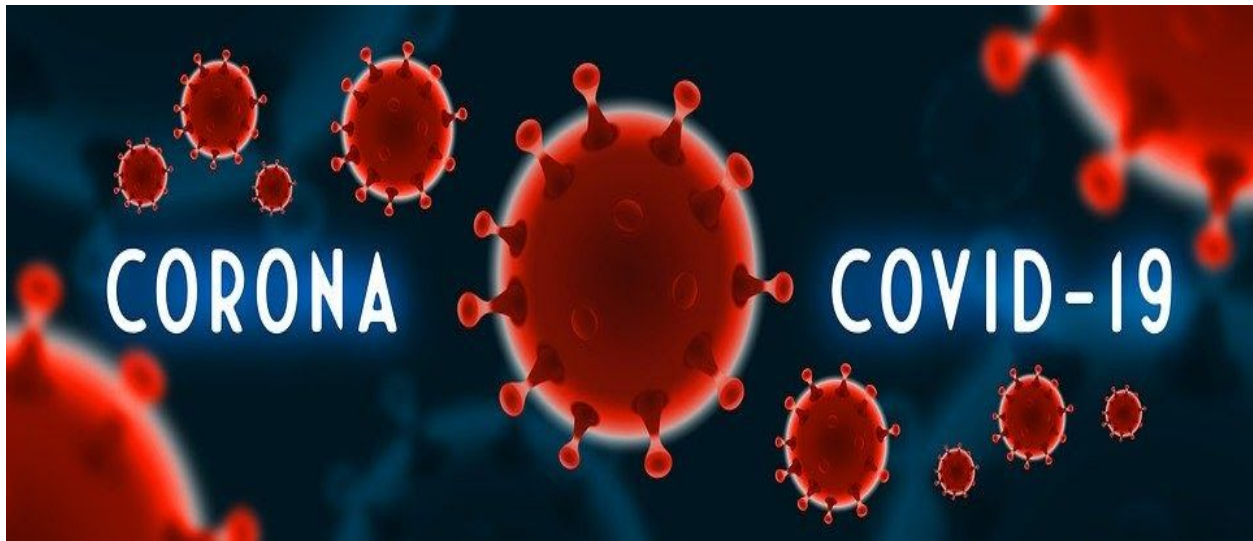
**Scott Trinity and Union UMCs**



# The First Word

April 6, 2020

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## An uncertain time; a certain God

While the novel Coronavirus has us hunkering down and cancelling our much beloved worship services we can still find comfort in a God who is in control. The God who made the cosmos and all that is in it provides us a great gift of the Spirit to find comfort and peace, hope and happiness in times such as these. I'm reminded that our scriptures also tell us "For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and a sound mind." (2 Timothy 1:7) I encourage you to support one another and consider spending more time in prayer and meditation. Though we are assured 'not to fear' I know that you'll use common sense practices in your daily lives.



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A unique way to worship in a unique time:

# zoom

The Zoom Online meeting allows us to worship online, by phone

This free service will allow us to continue to “gather” in worship each and every Sunday until we can join together in person. For those able and who desire, the Zoom app can be downloaded to your phone and allows for both video and audio of our worship experience. For those who do not have computers, smartphones or tablets, do not be discouraged! You can also call a toll-free number to listen in and participate in the worship experience. Just call the number and enter a code and you can listen in and even offer up your announcements and prayer concerns for all to hear.

Here is all the information. **NOTE** these links and numbers will remain the same each week!

**Sunday morning: Worship Live!**

Time: 10 am Sunday

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/611622324>

Meeting ID: 611 622 324

By phone:

+13126266799,,611622324# US (Chicago)  
+16465588656,,611622324# US (New York)

**Wednesday evening: Prayer Meetin'**

Time: 6:30 pm Wednesday

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/142152604>

Meeting ID: 142 152 604

By phone:

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## WANTED: Your email addresses!



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Send them to Pastor Steve at [pwropen@yahoo.com](mailto:pwropen@yahoo.com)

In this time of separation, being connected is more important than ever. As a means of getting information out in an accurate, timely and connected manner, we would appreciate your help in updating our email listing. Don't fret and rush to get Internet and e-mail just yet. If you just do not have an e-mail address just call Pastor Steve at 419-601-5293 and update your mailing address so we can send you our newsletter by Postal Service. We are missing a lot of contact information for a lot of people at Scott Trinity church and Steve really wants to be able to connect with you during this time.

Please send all your contact information by email or by phone to Pastor Steve:

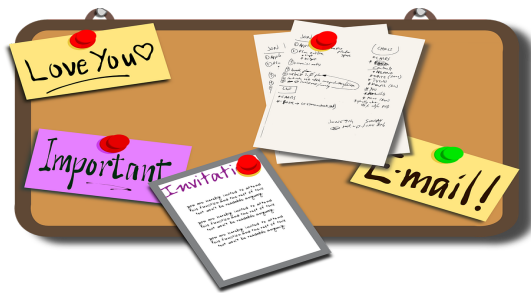
[pwropen@yahoo.com](mailto:pwropen@yahoo.com)

**419-601-5293 (if no answer leave your information on voice mail**

**Check out the STUMC Facebook pages or the website at**

**<http://scott-trinityumc.org/> for updates and important information.**





# A Note from Your Pastor

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## **Matthew 28**

5 But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. 6 He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you."

10 Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

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So here we are in the midst of Holy Week where we would normally be making our preparations for Easter worship and gathering with our families and friends. Yet, as it stands today we will not be going much of anywhere as we practice social distancing.

And isn't it ironic that as Jesus appeared to the women in Matthew's

resurrection story, he tells them to "go" and tell that he has risen. But where are we to go? How do we share this Good News when we cannot safely leave our homes?

As I ponder this, I am drawn to these words of Jesus, "Do not be afraid." Yes, we cannot go anywhere right now and that is as it must be for now. But what we can still do and do it right now is not be afraid--for we have a Risen Lord who conquered death and sin and did it all for each and every one of us!

This Easter we will not have our traditions and our lillies and our hats and dresses. What we will have and always will is the grace of God known through our risen Lord and Savior Jesus The Christ! Be not afraid and trust in the Lord who is in control.

