



TRINITY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Your Trinity family wishes Jacqueline Oland, Russel Pitt, Julian Webb, Jan Waldschutz and Joanne McGraw very memorable special day. Hope you all get lots of cake and best wishes from your special people. Blessings to you all.

E-Offering Stewardship Option Trinity has presently 20 signed up using the E Offering Stewardship method. Thank you to all who are supporting Trinity through their regular stewardship, as this helps the Treasurer meet the ongoing financial needs of Trinity’s ministry. **If you are not currently a subscriber your Vestry members encourage you to check it out.** By doing so no matter what happens

during your week, month or year, once signed up you can rest assured your Trinity is being supported. Should you wish to join the E offering program, you can do so from your home by contacting the Parish Office at 506-693-8558 or trinsj@nb.aibn.com. Thank you for your continued support.



Prayers

We offer special prayers for:

Prayers for the Middle East: Holy One, we seek your mercy. For those in fear, bring safety. For those in pain, bring consolation. For those awaiting news, nurture hope. For those providing care, bring resilience. Loving God, we seek your peace that passes all understanding. May the violence cease and Your deep peace come. Amen



The world grieves for the loss of life, the two pilots, Captain Antoine Forest and Captain Mackenzie Gunther along with dozens injured on Air Canada Express Flight AC 8646 when it struck an Airport Emergency vehicle at LaGuardia Airport. We pray for the souls departed, their families and coworkers. We offer prayers of support for those at LaGuardia who were working that evening and we offer prayers of thanksgiving for the lives saved no doubt by the skills of the pilots last moments and for their healing in the days and months to come. Thank you, Lord for the lives of Captain Antoine Forest and Captain Mackenzie Gunther. We thank You for the lives spared and we offer our prayers of condolences and healing for those affected. Amen

Prayers for Ukraine Most Holy God and Father. Hear our prayers for all who strive for peace and all who fight for justice. Help us, who today remember the cost of war, to work for a better tomorrow and

as we commend to you lives lost in terror and conflict, bring us all, in the end, to the peace of Your presence through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

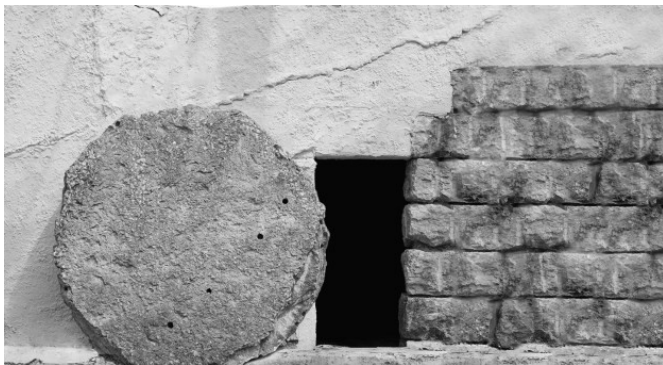
Prayers for Russia We pray for all those in Russia who have been affected by this ongoing war of Ukraine. For the lives lost, the families torn apart and for those Ukrainians who reside in Russia along with Viktoriia and Alex and their boys. We ask for their continued safety, a speedy resolve to this unjust attack and for a lasting peace between these two countries. Amen

Anglican Cycle of Prayer the Anglican Church of Korea, Primate Onesimus Dongsin Park. Anglican Church of Canada, Archbishop Shane Parker. Bishop Ordinary to the Canadian Armed Forces Nigel Shaw and all military chaplains. Diocese of Ho, Bishop Matthias Meduadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, the Synod Office staff and ministry. Archbishop David, retired bishop William and their families.

Prayer for Israel and Palestine we pray for the current peace actions. We hold both communities in our prayers as they commence rebuilding their lives and that the peace presently experiencing will live on. Amen

Prayers for the people of Venezuela and Iran that they will return to a democratic lead government and oppression and unjust treatment of their people will come to an end.

Parish Prayer Requests Melita Freeze, Judith Miller, Katie Kassner and William Teed. We also pray for those who suffer from any form of addiction that they may overcome their desires and return to a healthier state of life.



Sunday's Message:

This past Sunday was the Fifth Sunday in Lent with John's Gospel, John 11: 1-45

We are on a journey – an intentional journey having these selected readings we have for our reflection as we try to slow our lives down just a little during this season of Lent.

The First Sunday in Lent we had the Satan's Temptations followed by the Second Sunday in Lent

where we had a story of a smart man, Nicodemus. Then on the Third Sunday in Lent we had a thirsty woman at Jacob's well and last week, the Fourth Sunday, in Lent we had the man born blind receiving his sight. This Sunday we have a grieving sister, sisters, over the death of her / their brother Lazarus.

Four different people in four different situations with all four people being changed by their individual encounter with Jesus.

I often will ask, can we find a way to enter into the narrative – although we are over two-thousand years after and in a part of God's creation far from where they were at the time – I think we can find some ways in which we today are in common with them back in the day.

As with Nicodemus, Jesus teaches us through this encounter not to keep our questions of our faith to ourselves. Be open to seek what is troubling us now. We need to be confident in our faith, our life

journey, as a Christian as we live life fully visibly showing we have something in our life that makes this crazy world around us palatable – more than that – a life still with hope.

Like the un-named woman at Jacob's well – do we thirst – for the life-giving water? Do we continue our journey in life keeping at least one eye on our spiritual track? Are we looking for something in our lives that will ultimately satisfy us or do we just accept life as it is? We were born to be an evolving being, always capable of change to aspire closer to what God would will for us. Only God Himself is fixed – perfect in every way. We need to always thirst!

Jesus says, "I came into this world for judgement so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind". There is much to say about the gift of our senses – those who have diminished senses often have their other sense enhanced. However, for us who have all the senses – are we far too often blind to what is happening before our very eyes?

This morning, we are invited to walk alongside a grieving sister or sisters. I would suggest there is not one of us here this morning who cannot relate to Martha or Mary.

Now we know that Jesus had a close friendship with Mary, Martha and Lazarus. Most likely He would have spend time at their home, had meals and lodging at times in the earlier years. We know that Mary was the woman who washed Jesus' feet and dried them with her hair. Jesus who had no home for these past years, knows that Lazarus's home was a welcoming place to visit in a time when there was so many against Him, to be welcomed by three that truly loved Him. The greatest gift we have to offer is to give someone a sense of peace and understanding.

Grief comes in a number of packages; broken relationships changes in our social groupings, friction within family units, within the church at times and in our communities – some of the forms of grief we may experience are often layered on top of one another.

The story today begins with Lazarus being gravely ill, to which the sisters sent an urgent message to Jesus "Come quickly, Lord. Our brother, the one you love, is very sick." Message delivered and received as intended yet Jesus laid back arriving some four days post Lazarus' death. Arrived a little late for the sisters' preference.

Have you ever asked of God for something and found it to be a little lacking – possibly the situation righted itself, and sometimes the resolve was not in your plan at all. We pray for ourselves, our loved ones and for the world at large – and often feel we are not heard. Well, we might take some comfort as we are in good company, that of Martha and Mary – their immediate request was not dealt with in a timely manner. Yes, Jesus did arrive, however their brother Lazarus died four days earlier and was placed in his tomb.

The ultimate for us is our grief we bear when we lose a loved one. This was the grief that Martha and Mary were expressing along with the wider community gathered at the death of Lazarus upon Jesus' arrival.

Jesus did not offer any excuses or apologizes to Martha or Mary rather He spoke a word of promise, ***"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live"***. Jesus entered into Mary and Martha's grief. He saw the sisters in tears as he did with those of the community gathered which moved Him. We see by this that the only one who could do something about our grief is familiar with grief Himself.

The price of love is loss – is grief – which Jesus reminds us. He wept with the sisters because He too loved them and cared for them. God goes much further than empathizing with us.

Next Sunday begins Holy Week. On Palm Sunday, we will relive the journey into Jerusalem with Jesus waving our palm branches shouting “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!”. On Thursday we will share a meal together and join in the Maundy Thursday Service remembering the Last Supper in the Upper Room where Jesus shared saying **“Take, eat; this is my body”** and then took the cup and said **“Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins”**. On Good Friday we will enter into a three-hour service with intentional 3 one-hour segments focusing us with readings, prayers and selected music to have us reflect on the Significance of the Cross, we will journey with Jesus over His last 24 hours and then reflect on Christ’s Seven Last Words from the Cross.

Together we will grieve – grieve as we will – however we will hopefully get a deeper understanding that Jesus being **“I am the resurrection and the life”**. The tomb could not hold Lazarus and the tomb could not hold Jesus. And the tomb cannot hold you and I or our loved ones who have gone on before us who died in faith nor those who have yet to hear and believe in Christ and His love.

Reminding us this morning, we are not there yet.

We do not grieve alone and we do not grieve without hope. We grieve together as a like people of God. As we grieve, we continue to come before our Risen Lord in prayer to confess our faith in the resurrected life that awaits us. As Christ says, **“Whoever believes in Me, though he (they) die, yet shall he (they) live”**.

Amen



Trinity Bell & Clock Dedication - Commemoration of the work completed in restoring the Trinity Tower 12 Bell Carillon electronic system as well as upgrading the Trinity Tower Clock was held following the Sunday, March 22nd service. All present joined Rev. Steven Scribner at the south-west corner of Trinity’s Nave – next to the red doors leading into the base of the Tower for the dedication.

We come gather here together to mark another tremendous historic moment in the continued life of the Parish of Saint John, Trinity Anglican Church, founded by our Loyalist Ancestors having landed upon these shores May 18, 1783.

We continue to honor their sacrifices made back in the day and those who were responsible for the rising up from the ashes this present Trinity after the Great Fire of 1877 by giving life once again to two of the great community markers of Trinity, being its’ Steeple Tower Clock and the Twelve Bell Carillon.

History tells us that upon the rebuild of Trinity post the Great Fire, the Steeple was delayed as a result of the shift in design from a single Tower Bell to nine bell carillon – resulting in a redesign of the top

portion of the tower to accommodate the additional bells. These bells were later enhanced with three more bells to provide a twelve bell – twelve note Carillon.



The original bells would have been played through the system of cables and levers. During the rebuild of the Steeple Tower in the mid 1960's the twelve bell Carillon operation method was upgraded to an electronic system. This electronic system began to fail over a decade ago.

The Steeple Tower four-face Trinity clock's original 1882 movement mechanism was troublesome, never keeping correct time resulting in the installation of a new clock movement being installed in 1926. This system has had its' aging issues over the years and parts if needed required custom manufacturing. The accuracy was manageable through a number of skillful men over the years, however the mechanism itself was becoming a significant liability and at times leaving the clock inactive for periods of time waiting on parts being made.

Through the design of the Clock and Bell refurbishment project, coined The Chiming & Timing Campaign, both the Clock and the Twelve Bell Carillon were updated with current technologies resulting in the least labour-intensive option to date for both systems.

Today you see before you the Chiming & Timing commemorative plaque marking this project in the history books of Trinity Anglican Church, however what may not be readily apparent, the plaque woodwork is totally made from the wood from the 1880 Trinity Pews – pews which were removed over a decade ago on the north side of the Nave and were stored in the lower level. Black River Woodworking, Mr. Walter Derksen and his team were the artist / woodworking craftsmen that made this transformation from a pew to the beautiful backing for the Chiming & Timing plaque.

You will also notice, and do take time to come up and look at the details close up, the exquisite carved Trinity Steeple top centre with every feature precisely finished including the clock face and the salmon weather vane. The artist who created this adorning feature is Grant Kelly.

Flewwelling Press Ltd. crafted the memorial shield.

Our thanks and appreciation go out to all three skilled contributors and also to Jennifer Waldschutz and Kyle Wells for inspiration which resulted in the memorial plaque design you have before you and to them and their team for their passion to have Trinity's Bells and Clock restored for the benefit of the parish and the uptown community in which we reside. Thank you all!

Let us pray,

Heavenly Father we know that all things come from You and Your providence as You are the source of all blessings. We honor all those who have come before us, our Loyalist founders, generational parishioners for the legacy they invested in and cared deeply for and intrusted future parishioners to be good stewards of so that Trinity and all its glory will remain as a visual focus in this uptown community of Your presence. We come together here today to honor you and those of whom have contributed over the years and in particular over this past project's life to restore Trinity's Steeple Tower Clock and Bells. May this plaque here affixed, serve us and those in the future, the dedication Trinity continues to embrace to honor You, by Your faithful and may this gift have a lasting impact on this church and wider community in your created world.

Amen.

Andrew Waldschutz, Trinity's Bell Chimer is following in his grandmother, Janice Waldschutz' role. Jennifer Waldshutz had the Twelve Bell Carillon play;

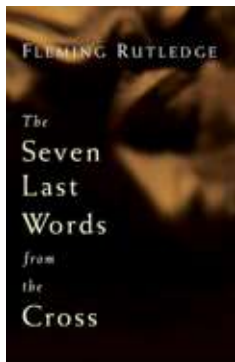
Ode to Joy; Joyful, Joyful – We Adore Thee

A 1907 beloved Christian hymn written by American author and Clergyman Henry van Dyke – inspired by the Berkshire Mountains, he wrote the lyrics to be sung to the melody of the 'Ode to Joy' from the final movement of Ludwig van Beethoven's ninth.

TRINITY's SERVICE CALENDAR

Date	Sunday	Service	Readings	Presider
Mar 29	Palm Sunday The service will commence with a Palm Procession up and down the aisles	BCP HC	Isaiah 50:4-9 Psalm 31:9-16 Philemon 2:5-11 Matthew 27:11-54	Rev. Steven Scribner
Apr 2	Maundy Thursday Followed by The stripping of the Altar	BCP HC	Exodus 12:1-4 Psalm 116:1,11-18 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-17.31-35	Rev. Steven Scribner
Apr 3	Good Friday Hr 1 – Significance of the Cross Hr 2 – Walk the walk of Jesus last 24 hrs Hr 3 – Christ's Seven Last words from the Cross			Rev. Steven Scribner Along with a number of readers
Apr 5	Easter Sunday Bring the light into Trinity Flowering the Cross	BCP HC	Jeremiah 31:1-6 Psalm 118:1-2,14-24 Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-18	Rev. Steven Scribner
Apr 12	Second Sunday of Easter	BCP HC	Exodus 15:1-11 Psalm 111 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31	Rev. Peter Gillies
Apr 19	Third Sunday of Easter	BCP MP	Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Psalm 34:1-10 1 Peter 1:17-23 Luke 24:13-35	Susanne Sutton
Apr 26	Fourth Sunday of Easter	BAS Eucharist	Ezekiel 34:7-15 Psalm 100 1 Peter 2:19-25 John 10:1-10	Rev. Peter Gillies
May 3	Fifth Sunday of Easter	BCP HC	Acts 7:55-60 Psalm 31:1-5,15-16 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14	Rev. Steven Scribner

Upcoming Services and Events



Lenten Book Study / lunch

week #1 Thursday February 26	12 noon – 1pm
week #2 Thursday March 5	12 noon – 1pm
week #3 Thursday March 12	12 noon – 1pm
week #4 Thursday March 19	12 noon – 1pm
week #5 Thursday March 26	12 noon – 1pm – Last week
The 2026 Lenten Book Study Resource will be 'The Seven Last Words from the Cross' by Fleming Rutledge.	

Palm Sunday	March 29th	Palm Procession at the start of the Service
Maundy Thursday	April 2nd	Pot Luck Super 5:30pm
Good Friday	April 3rd	Service at 7pm
Easter Sunday	April 5th	12 noon – 3pm
140th Diocesan Synod	April 18th	Fredericton – Topic- Future of Christ Church Cathedral
Trinity Spring Yard Sale - May 2nd – Set up April 30th & May 1st		
Diocesan Layreaders Day – May 2nd – Christ Church Cathedral - Fredericton		
East Indies Evening Supper – May 9th Kids Mission Program 3:30-5pm, Supper 5:15pm		
8th Annual Speaker / Dinner – May 19th Gen (Ret'd) Michael Day – Union Club		

Neighbour Missional Outreach Opportunities

12 Neighbours:

The following items are being asked for in order to make their residents feel at home and cared for;

- Coffee Creamers (shelf-stable or refrigerated), coffee, sugar or sugar packets, coffee cups.
- Feminine hygiene products (pads, tampons, liners)
- Shampoo and conditioner (full size or travel size)
- Personal care items, Irish Spring, razors, shaving cream, towels, face cloths, skin care products
- Non-perishable food items: instant oatmeal, different types of snacks, KD microwaveable, Ramen bowls, bread or bagels, peanut butter, cheese whiz, juice boxes, pop, ensure
- Plastic or wooden cutlery, good winter socks, men and women underwear, flip flops for our showers, Tim cards, paper plates
- Men and Women underwear and socks
- Towels and Blankets

Let us focus on being a contributor to 12 Neighbours throughout 2026.



The Great East Window Campaign 2025 - 2026

The project funding is now in place and plans are underway to have this work commence on May 4th with an anticipated construction duration of two plus months. The committee is very thankful for all the support over these past two years in order to make this project a reality.

This project involves the East Window maintenance, renewing the exterior safety glass, masonry repointing of the East Wall along with refacing the East Window sandstone tracery coupled with a total refinishing of the Sanctuary.

On Wednesday, March 25th the whole team of contractors were on site for a pre-construction meeting. You have in the picture, left to right, Carl Ribot from Carls' Fine Finishes – who will be taking on the Chancel wall preparation and painting, Phillip Christie, Property Committee member, Rev.

Steven Scribner, Ned Bowes – Stained Glass expertise, Bradley Lanteigne – Coastal Restoration & Masonry – looking after the masonry and scaffolding, Brian Foster and Craig Gaudet – Metcalf Glass – looking after the east window security glass and behind the camera, Jennifer Waldshutz – Property Committee member.

Suffice to say, all these contractors have been engaged over four years ago in preparation for this day. Exciting to be putting this monumental project in motion. May 4th will be the commencement date. More on this project in Newsletters to come.

The Boys and Girls Club (BGC) Story Published



The Book that was years in its' making – BGC Greater Saint John 125th

Anniversary. On Saturday, March 21st the BGC (Boys and Girls Club) 125th Anniversary book was launched. The past – present – future is all part of this wonderful

work of the late Reverend Ernest Lloyd Lake and Carl A. White. The book is a tribute not only to the BGC of Saint John but to Trinity's past member, The Reverend Lloyd Lake who begun to assemble the historic picture of the BGC back in 2001. The original book was in editing stages in 2012 however never ever completed. The project was then revived by Carl A. White who integrated

the story from 2011 through to 2024 to create this final works which will stand to one of the great

missions of our city. How wonderful it was to have Doreen Lake present for the book launch, pictured above, with the co-author, Carl A. White. This book is available at two locations; The Feel-Good Store located on Germain Street and The Blue Pelican located in the Saint John City Market.

Special thanks to Jennifer Waldschutz for presenting me my personal copy signed by the co-author Carl A. White. Thank you.

Vestry Highlights:

The March Vestry meeting was held on Tuesday, March 24th.

Your Corporation Membership:

Wardens: Marie Goguen & Louise Dodge-Hall

Vestry Members: Judi Harvey-Isaac, Lynda Lomax, Gordon Homer, Stephen Mott, James McKenna, Jennifer Waldschutz, John Logan, Catherine Bishop, Catherine McIntyre, Kyle Wells, David Goss and Frank Augustine.

Honorary Vestry Member: James Brittain

Synod Delegates: Judi Harvey-Isaac & John Logan

Alternate Synod Delegates: Kyle Wells & Marie Goguen

Items of note:

- Trinity is proceeding with a Summer Student program this year.
- Quad Pole Light will be refitted with an LED Flood Light (light was disconnected back in 2003) Rental / usage cost of this light - \$30/ month. This area needs to be lit up at night.
- Trinity to adopt a Giving (Donation) Policy – and will be placed on the Trinity Web Site
- Trinity has a number of committees being struck (as of the AGM) namely: Altar / Chancel Committee, Property Committee, Fun- Fundraising Committee, Worship Committee and added to this list Pastoral / Visitation Committee. Members are welcome to indicate their preference to join any one or more of the above.
- Great East Window Campaign – Trinity has received a Memorial Donation in memory of Suzanne Irving for the GEW project. This has enabled the project to plan for a May 4th commencement and will take upwards of two plus months to complete.
- East Indies Experience, Saturday May 9th – twenty children / youth performing along with an East Indies Supper to follow. More information in this Newsletter. Presently planning on fifty tickets (\$25ea) with twelve already spoken for – you do not want to miss this!
- Union Club Speaker Dinner – only 10 tickets remaining – call the office to secure your ticket.
- Chiming & Timing Plaque was dedicated last Sunday after worship – affixed on the south-west all next to the tower door. Take a moment and look at the craftsmanship of this plaque.
- Parish Advisory Committee 2026 – was struck; Wardens – Marie Goguen & Louise Dodge-Hall (automatically on this committee), Stephen Mott, Kyle Wells and Jennifer Waldschutz. This committee is required to establish the first vestry meeting following the AGM. The need for this committee stems from the requirement of the parish to address the need for a replacement minister during the said year. No expectations that this committee will be put to work this year – hopefully.

UNB Saint John Opportunity:

University of New Brunswick student Lu Clarke serves as one of the Vice Presidents of the UNB Saint John Community Outreach for Club 3:16 which is a Christian fellowship group. We host weekly gatherings, Bible studies, and other events to give UNB Saint John students opportunities to grow in their faith and build community throughout their university years.

On Saturday, April 11th from 2:00–4:00 PM, we are hosting a “Bump Up Day” for Grade 12 students who are considering or planning to attend UNB Saint John this fall. This event will include a meet-and-greet with current members and incoming executives, a brief information session about Club 3:16, and a Q&A session about the club or university life. We will also offer optional campus tours led by our members.

This event will take place in Oland Hall, Room 104, and UNB Saint John students will be available to help direct attendees.



East Indies Experience – You do not want to miss this Saturday event at Trinity – May 9th.

3:30 – 5PM - The event commences with twenty children & youth providing talks, instrumentals, choreography, mime, song, scriptures, drama and prayer.

5:15pm – East Indies Supper –On the menu; Veg Pulao Rice, Butter Chicken, Chicken Tikka Skewer, Masala Dal Vada, Salad Mix, Indian Masala Tea and Dosa.

Many of us were treated to this wonderful supper over a year ago and back by popular demand.

Tickets are selling fast – Call the office or I will have them on Sunday – Note: Louise Dodge-Hall and myself were treated to the children’s program in January and you will be amazed at the depth of Christian teaching and love these children express. They are in part our future – come and witness this amazing performance and stay and enjoy a meal you will talk about all throughout the sermon the next day.



And we think our views of Nature are the best? Our dear Brooklyn Wilson who has been a special part of our family since she was under the age of one, now with her Masters Degree in Social Work is living and working in Whitehorse, Yukon. She calls, messages, sends pictures and postcards of the beauty that surrounds her living in the north.

This was the view one evening this week from her front yard. Wow!

A Little Sunshine from Susanne

From the Shoes Up

A robotics specialist in physical therapy has unveiled the world's first shoe that can reduce frictional forces and adapt to uneven surfaces, ensuring a smooth walking experience for the elderly and those dealing with multiple sclerosis and stroke rehabilitation. The shoes help people walk more safely, confidently, and independently.

The breakthrough technology was developed by Dr. Tyler Susko, owner of the company Cadense, who realized his machine design skills could aid everyday people with mobility disorders.

An estimated 40 million Americans and 8 million Canadians live with some form of functional disability, caused by conditions ranging from MS and Parkinson's to 'drop-foot' and post-stroke mobility challenges. Cadense worked directly with MS, stroke, and cerebral palsy patients to engineer the 'Variable Friction' outsole to smooth gait irregularities, reduce tripping, and support safer ambulation.

"Cadense bridges the gap between medical necessity and modern style—combining patented gait-improving outsole technology with fashion-forward design," said Dr. Susko, who holds a PhD in engineering from MIT and now teaches engineering at UC Santa Barbara.

A *Prevention Magazine* review called Cadense's Original Women's Adaptive Shoe a "literal lifesaver" for those with walking difficulties, citing smoother strides and improved confidence. Users echo those results.



Easter Memorial –

Please place your memorial in the collection plate on Sunday with the name(s) of those you wish remembered in the Easter Bulletin or call the office. We do not want you to miss this opportunity to honor your loved ones at this Easter.

Humor:



The price of gas is no laughing matter, however someone had a sense of humor in adjusting their sign – we might get more into this as the weeks go on.

Spring Time Blessings All!

Rev. Steven Scribner