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WORSHIP AT TRINITY:
SUNDAY MORNINGS
8:30 and 10:00 a.m.
Traditional Worship
in Fellowship Hall
11:30 a.m.
Crossroads Contemporary
Worship in Fellowship Hall
SUNDAY EVENINGS
8 p.m.
The Well in the Chapel

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A New Easter by Reverend Philip Brooks

We anticipate the first worship service in our newly renovated sanctuary on Easter morning! How appropriate for this new beginning to be that day because

Easter is about new-ness.

In a college philosophy course, on the mid-term exam the professor posed this essay question: "Which is the greater challenge today: ignorance or apathy?" One smart aleck wrote: "I don't know and I don't care!"

Some will claim that about Easter; they don't know - and feel it doesn't matter anyway. However, the longer we live, the more challenges we experience, the more hard knocks we endure, the more we see that it does matter - very much.

As we look at the first Easter we find parallels to our lives by several scenes from that historical event.

A NEW DARKNESS preceded the first Easter. The disciples and thousands of followers of Christ had placed all their hopes and dreams in Jesus. Then the tide turned against Him, His enemies colluded against Him, and as the Apostles' Creed succinctly states, He "suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried." And hope was buried with Him. What once had seemed the dawning of a new day was now eclipsed by the pervasive new darkness of broken dreams.

We know about disappointments and broken dreams, too. At various times we've experienced these at school, or work, in relationships, or failing health, in things where we desperately wanted to succeed. But Easter beckons onward as

we see A NEW DAWN breaking. Hope, which had been buried on Friday, rose on Sunday.

Dr. Leighton Ford said, "One of the great lacks of modern life is a vanished sense of meaning. Vast multitudes shift about from day to day, utterly empty, without goal or destiny, without God and without hope in the world. For the Christian, the resurrection of Jesus Christ changes all that! In Christ, I have a destiny; I have a goal, I have an inheritance in heaven! As Christ said, 'Because I live, you shall live also.'" (John 14:19)

This hope leads us to the glories of A NEW DAY. The artist Michelangelo instructed his students, "Paint Jesus Christ not dead, but risen. Paint Him with His feet upon the sepulcher in which they thought to silence Him forever."

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Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday, March 20
7 p.m.

Good Friday, March 21
noon

Easter Eve, March 22
11 p.m.

Easter Sunday, March 23

7 a.m. Sunrise Service

9 & 11 a.m. Traditional

11 a.m. Crossroads

10 a.m. Education Hour



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Most of us look forward to coming to church to receive and to experience comfort. When life is tough and circumstances do not represent the happy outcomes for which we'd worked and planned, our gratitude for our cherished church is felt deeply. We find it far easier to handle those rocky times, knowing that we are buoyed by our Christian firm foundation, our cherished friends and the church home to which we can always return.

But what are we to do and what are we to think when something is said or something happens that brings us discomfort, especially when that very discomfort comes to us from the very beloved church we had counted on to bring us the comfort we crave and need?

Five weeks ago I attended a workshop at Northeast United Methodist Church on Safe Sanctuary policies and the need for these in our churches today. The statistical information shared in that workshop caused all of us in attendance to experience deep discomfort, for it involved the abuse of children in our nation's churches. It is challenging for us all when we are given reason to mistrust anything about our church! Yet tragically predators, knowing and understanding well our need to trust, take advantage of that very knowledge. Thus the incidence of child abuse in churches is far beyond that which most of us find it comfortable even to contemplate.

O.K. Now for some comfort! My experience at Trinity brings me great comfort, for many, many people here are working hard to examine this issue. The Child and Family Ministry Council gives time regularly to discussions on needed change and how we must make those changes. Members of the Administrative Council and the Board of Trustees are aware of and are seeking information that will enlighten their understandings and lead to a still more effective policy and a safe environment for all of our children. Please continue to watch for announcements that will come your way in the near future, and join us as we assure an exceptionally safe church, one that will bring us blessings for many years to come.

Yes, predators use knowledge to harm. But we are capitalizing on the knowledge and acceptance of our own discomfort, and we are using this discomfort to assure that it is replaced by its opposite: great comfort, a growing and thriving church of God, and one in which we can place our trust.

"And on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it."

Matthew 16:18

Late Winter Adult Sunday School through March 16

You Matter More Than You Think
Sue Fitz
Room 209

This class for women will help identify how the random pieces of our lives hold great potential for making a profound difference. Often the daily tasks and responsibilities of women seem of little impact to others, but in a DVD series by Dr. Leslie Parrott, she will describe how women make an impact in such simple ways. This class will help women reflect on their relationships, experiences, comfort zones, and so much more. A book of the same title will be available.

Jesus Asked
Mary Buzby and Janet Goodwin
Chapelside Parlor

Based on the book, *Jesus Asked*, by Conrad Gempf, this class will focus on Jesus as a thinker and teacher. We will explore Scripture to see the Jesus of many questions. We will also reflect on how we respond to Jesus' questions and on how we might converse with people about faith and the Kingdom of God. You need not read the book to participate in the class.

Bringing Peace and Harmony to the Blended Family
Dr. Robin Huston and Dr. Anthony Restuccio
Room 207

Did you realize that Jesus grew up in a blended family? Explore the challenges of this nontraditional family from a Christian perspective through a DVD series from Dr. Kevin Leman. Whether you are currently married with stepchildren, are a single parent, or are dating someone who already has children, this class should provide guidance and fellowship. Facilitators are the husband and wife team of Dr. Robin Huston and Dr. Anthony Restuccio, both family physicians.

First Steps to Going Green
Rev. Colleen Ogle and Steve Campbell
Chapel

This class continues to discuss why we as Christians should care about the

environment and change everyday decisions in our lives to improve its health. Rev. Ogle will present the Biblical and theological basis for environmental stewardship and guest speakers will share information on topics such as reducing energy consumption, recycling, and family food purchasing choices.

In His Word
Matt Hamilton, Chris Spielman, Geoff Arthur, Geoff Eubank, Michael Doran
Room 208

Join us for an on-going weekly Bible Study. Currently we are examining the Book of Romans and related Old and New Testament scriptures. join us intermittently or regularly. You won't be behind.

Adult Sunday School Classes for Spring
March 30 - June 1

Learning about Prayer through the Book of Psalms
Janet and Brad Goodwin

In His Word
Matt Hamilton and Chris Spielman

The Natural History of the Bible
Dr. Frank Himes, Dr. Jim Caldwell, Rev. Colleen Ogle

The Book of Job
Patrick Moore

UnChristian? What a New Generation Really Thinks about Christianity
Dr. Carolyn Leick and Rev. Amy Aspey

For a complete listing of classes and descriptions, please see the Adult Education bulletin boards in the Atrium.

Chilly Hike



Trinity's Outdoor Group braved frigid temperatures on Sunday, February 10 for a hike in Old Man's Cave. Pictured are Outdoor Group leader, Paul Sipp (l.), with Laura Roberts and Chuck Barker.

Going Green Class to collect women's business apparel

The First Steps To Going Green Adult Sunday School Class will continue to meet through March 16. This class is providing Trinity members and guests with the Biblical foundation and United Methodist guidance on environmental stewardship and education on timely topics like: how to reduce, reuse, and recycle items we purchase; the health, economic, and environmental impacts of food purchases; and the need and methods to reduce energy consumption. From tips for home gardening to exploring how the Church can reduce its environmental impacts, we have a goal of taking these lessons to action, incorporating this learning experience within our homes, our Church, and in our community service.

The first project for the Going Green class is to collect gently used women's business apparel and accessories for a local store that promotes the economic independence of disadvantaged women in Central Ohio who are seeking employment. One of the most important parts of an interview is the applicant's self-presentation. Applicants who look and feel good will also feel confident. In addition to providing professional attire, volunteers from Career Center assist in a network of support and career development.

This Going Green project will begin at Trinity on Sunday, March 30. As you are spring cleaning, please consider helping young women and mothers prepare for interviews and employment to help support their families. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Business Apparel Drop-Off Dates

Sunday, March 30 from 8:30-12:30pm -- Room 001 in basement
 Friday, April 4 from 11-1pm and 4-6pm -- Room 001
 Sunday, April 6 from 8:30-12:30pm -- Room 001

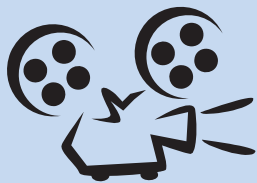
trinity youth

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YOUTH MUSICAL - Practices are underway for the annual youth musical. Ed Spiker and Rick & Libby Germain are directing the musical, "The Ride". If you are interested in participating, please email Ed at edspiker@columbus.rr.com. Practices are held Sundays from 4-6 p.m. and Wednesdays from 7-8 p.m. The performance date is Sunday, April 20 during morning worship, with no evening performance this year.

COMING EVENTS

- March 2 Broomball at Easton Chiller
4-5:15 pm; meet at the Chiller
- March 7-9 Confirmation Retreat at Camp Wesley
- March 9 High School Basketball
Championship Game
- March 23 Easter Sunday
7 am Sunrise Service by Youth
- April 6 JAM and Pathfinders - 7-8 pm
- April 10 Service Hours Opportunity, TUMPS
Pancake Dinner and Silent Auction- 5-7
PM, We need students to help monitor
the "Bounce House"
- April 13 MS Small Groups, 6:30-8:00 PM
- April 20 "The Ride" Youth Musical performances
- April 24 Service Hours opportunity -babysitting
for "Cuisine for a Cause" sponsored by
Dinner Clusters- 5:00-8:30 pm
- April 27 Polaroid Scavenger Hunt - 6-8:30
- June 22-28 High School Mission Trip to Queens, NY
- July 7-11 Middle School Mission Week



Don't miss
Old-Fashioned
Silent Movie
Night
at Trinity

15-cent admission/10-cent popcorn

Older Adult Council is pleased to present old-fashioned, family Silent Movie Night on Friday, March 28 at 7 p.m. in Fellowship Parlor. On this evening we will see "Lilac Time" with Gary Cooper. The evening also will include organ music by Tom Hamilton and a Sing-a-Long. Bring your kids, grandkids, friends and neighbors!

Cell Phone Recycling

Older Adult Council is collecting used cell phones in the bin in the Atrium Coat Room. Lifecare Alliance adapts the phones for 911 calls and distributes them to those in need in the Columbus area.

Hop on Over

Hop on over for Trinity's Annual Easter Egg Hunt following worship on Sunday, March 9 at 12:30 p.m. The hunt will be held in the Courtyard if weather permits. Please watch the Church Bulletin and weekly email for more information.

Trinity Times is a monthly newsletter published for members of Trinity United Methodist Church. Subscriptions are available for \$15 per year for non-members. Make checks payable to Trinity UMC and designate Trinity Times on the memo line.

The deadline to submit information for the April issue is Tuesday, March 4. Please place your information or photos in the Trinity Times box in the church office or email to bekywest22@aol.com.

opportunities

Weekly meetings:	Sunday	Monday
<p>Worship Services Sunday Mornings 8:30 & 10 a.m.</p> <p>Fellowship Hall Traditional Worship</p> <p>11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall Crossroads Contemporary Worship</p> <p>Sunday Evenings 8 p.m. Chapel The Well</p> <p>HOLY COMMUNION is offered on the first Sunday of every month during all worship services.</p> <p>SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 a.m. for Adults and Children please see p. 2 for a list of adult classes</p> <p>EASTER Worship Maundy Thursday, March 20 7 p.m.</p> <p>Good Friday, March 21 noon</p> <p>Easter Eve, March 22 11 p.m.</p> <p>Easter Sunday, March 23 7 a.m. Sunrise Service 9 & 11 a.m. Traditional 11 a.m. Crossroads 10 a.m. Education Hour</p>	<p>4 pm Youth Musical Rehearsal</p> <p>Weekly Meetings in March</p> <p>2 4 pm Youth Broomball at Easton Chiller</p> <p>9  12:30 pm Easter Egg Hunt</p> <p>16 PALM SUNDAY</p> <p>23 EASTER SUNDAY</p> <p>30 8:30-12:30 Going Green business apparel drop-off Room 001</p>	<p>3 9:15 am Women's Bible Study; Chapelside Parlor 9:30 am Wee Moms; Fellowship Parlor</p> <p>10</p> <p>17 9:15 am Women's Bible Study; Chapelside Parlor 9:30 am Wee Moms; Fellowship Parlor</p> <p>24</p> <p>31</p>

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Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>4:45 pm Aerobics; Undercroft</p> <p>6:30 am Men's Small Group; Fellowship Parlor</p> <p>7 pm Troop 261; Room 011</p> <p>Youth Basketball Game</p>	<p>9 am WOLW; Fellowship Hall</p> <p>6:45 pm WOLW; Room 207</p> <p>7 pm Youth Musical Rehearsal</p>	<p>4:45 pm Aerobics; Undercroft</p> <p>6 pm Youth Basketball Practice</p> <p>6 pm Carillon Bells; Room 201</p> <p>6:45 pm Chancel Bells; Room201</p> <p>7 pm Young Professionals Group @ VanderDoes</p> <p>8 pm Chancel Choir; Room 204</p>	<p>9:30 am Ladies Bible Study; Room 207</p>	
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<p>4</p> <p>6 pm Mission Council; Chapel</p> <p>6:30 pm Children/Family Council</p> <p>7pm Lenten Study; Chapel</p> <p>Trinity Times Deadline</p>	5	6	7	8
			Confirmation Retreat	
<p>11</p> <p>6:30 pm Finance Committee; Rm 209</p> <p>7 pm Meeting Night for Committees & Councils</p> <p>7pm Lenten Study; Chapel</p>	12	<p>13</p> <p>9:30 am Prayers & Squares Quilting; Room 001</p> <p>5 pm YWCA Family Center Hosting</p> <p>7 pm Stephen Ministries; Rm. 221</p>	14	<p>15</p> <p>8 am United Methodist Men Breakfast Meeting; Fellowship Parlor</p>
<p>18</p> <p>6:15 pm Pizza Making for Friends of the Homeless; Fellowship Kitchen</p> <p>7 pm Mary Martha Circle; Chapelside Parlor</p> <p>7pm Lenten Study; Chapel</p>	19	<p>20</p> <p>Maundy Thursday 7 pm Service</p> <p>9:15 am Lois-Priscilla Circle; Chapelside Parlor</p> <p>1 pm Leah Circle; Chapelside Parlor</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Good Friday Noon Service</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Easter Eve Candlelight Vigil 11 p.m.</p>
<p>25</p> <p>7pm Lenten Study; Chapel</p>	26	<p>27</p> <p>9:30 am Prayers & Squares Quilting; Room 001</p>	28	29

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The Inn at Broad needs you

The Inn at Broad, located in Broad Street United Methodist Church downtown, is a transitional living facility that serves single women and their children by providing safe housing for up to two years. They are looking for volunteer mentors to develop a relationship with the residents and provide encouragement during their stay. If you are interested in more information or would like to help out in anyway, please contact Stacey at 478-5481 or stacey.pina@gmail.com.

Unsheltered Life Education Program March 8

Part of the Columbus Coalition for the Homeless' mission is to educate Central Ohio communities about homeless issues. On Saturday, March 8 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church, the Coalition will present "Unsheltered Life". This education program includes information about homelessness in the United States and Columbus, stories of formerly homeless people, a simulated experience of homelessness, discussions about homeless sensitivity, and an activity to figure out how individuals can get involved. This program is perfect for anyone looking to expand their knowledge of homelessness. The program is free and parking is also free, but space is limited so call today to register, (614) 228-1342, or e-mail columbushomeless@yahoo.com.

More Mission Opportunities

March 13	YWCA Family Center Hosting
March 18	Pizza Making for the Homeless

Participate in Easter on Fifth today!

Goal: Bedding for 100 beds

Easter on 5th, a joint Lenten mission project of Trinity and New Life UMC, seeks to raise funds to buy, package, and distribute new bedding to our neighbors in need through the New Life Clothing Room. The bedding consists of 100 sheets, pillows, pillowcases, and blankets, as well as 40 sleeping bags.

If you would like to help us meet our goal of 100 beds, you can buy a whole bed for \$50 or a half of bed for \$25. Please make checks payable to Trinity UMC with Easter on 5th in the memo. This year, we are happy that St. Luke's UMC is joining this effort to raise monies for the beds and will also be worshipping with us on Good Friday. How wonderful to work with the UMCs on 5th Ave!

Easter on 5th is also about more than bedding; it is about building relationships. Part of this mission project includes worship and fellowship with our neighbors. On Good Friday, March 21, everyone is invited to a joint Good Friday worship service at noon at Trinity. Immediately following the service, everyone is invited to enjoy a potluck in Fellowship Parlor. If you would like to help provide food items for this gathering, please sign-up in the Atrium sometime between now and March 16. After lunch, we will help with the packing of the bedding.

If you are interested in participating in this project in any way, please contact Alice Humel Denton at 447-3600 x2465 (work); (614)278-7736 (home); or ahumel@cas.org.



Cuisine for a Cause to benefit Grace Children's Hospital

You are invited to attend Cuisine for a Cause - Hors D'oeuvres and Silent Auction on Thursday, April 24 from 6-8 p.m. Cuisine for a Cause will raise funds to sponsor the Trinity Bed at Grace Children's Hospital in Haiti. This is a community-wide event where you can enjoy good conversation and delicious food while you peruse and bid on items at the silent auction. All proceeds

benefit Grace Children's Hospital. Please RSVP on Sundays, March 30, April 6, or April 13, at the registration table in the atrium.

WE NEED YOUR DONATIONS for the silent auction by Sunday, April 13. Suggested donations include local retailers gift certificates, gift baskets, sports memorabilia, anything you would like to bid on! No donation is too big or too small. For more information or to deliver your gift please contact Jenny Shrodes, 1535 Doone Rd, 487-0269, jshrodes@gmail.com; Dawn Lewis, 1866 Chatfield Rd, 488-9224, lewisetc@columbus.rr.com, or Rev. Amy Aspey.

Celebrating Trinity Stewards

The Stewardship Committee invites us to celebrate the efforts of the members of our church family who contribute their time and talents to support the ministries of the Church. If you would like to nominate someone for his or her stewardship contributions, please contact Jim Houk at jhouk@bird-houk.com, or 764-1122. Phil Richter wrote the following tribute.

Bryan Warman

If you ever wondered what someone looks like that truly has Trinity Church in his blood, come to Crossroads Contemporary Service and take a look at Bryan Warman.



Bryan's stewardship with the Church started early, as the Warman family began attending Trinity Church when Bryan and his sisters, Heather and Mandy, were children. Some of his closest friendships were developed in the church through his involvement with the Youth Group, youth activities, and his participation in summer work camps. His association has continued through the years as a youth counselor and now as the lead singer in the band for the Crossroads service.

Crossroads attendees will probably be surprised to hear that Bryan rarely shared his musical talents with anyone until asked to front the Crossroads band and sing by Katie Widing, Crossroads worship leader. His only formal training is a couple of years of piano lessons as a child. He taught himself to play the guitar, but his personal shyness wouldn't allow him to play in public before Crossroads. Even now, Bryan has yet to otherwise share his powerful voice and wonderful singing outside of these services.

His liver transplant as a teenager forever shaped Bryan's faith, the faith of his entire family, as well as that of the Trinity family. Through this tragedy, or better, miracle, God placed his hands on Bryan, the Warman family, and Trinity church, to demonstrate His power and love and lead everyone to a richer faith in God. In anticipation of his transplant surgery, Trinity members helped to donate more units of blood for one individual than had ever been previously given. But the church's outpouring of love didn't stop there. When the liver donor's family participated in a Trinity service when Bryan turned 16, church members responded in a way that will be talked about forever in the life of this congregation. Now you can see why it's said that Bryan has Trinity Church in his blood!

Stewardship comes in many forms and Bryan's life continues to demonstrate this fact. His time commitment is great and his talent is apparent, but as he continues to give of each to the church, Bryan also needs the church to steward him in God's glory. Certain physical challenges persist for Bryan. As he is giving his talent and voice to the church, he needs church members to sustain him with their prayers in his battle against these physical challenges. With the stewardship of our love, support and prayers, Bryan knows that God will sustain him and continue to allow him to sing His praises.

Tips for donating to the New Life Clothing Room by Vickie Moseley

The New Life Clothing Room is continually blessed with donations of wonderful clothing. Appreciation is given to all who give and to those who presort items before delivering them to New Life. Often, when an item is in low supply, a generous donation is given. God is good!

In order to facilitate sorting of clothes at New Life, may we suggest the following: 1) Bag clothing according to men, women and children, bedding, underwear etc. 2) Mark the bags. 3) Please use bags no larger than a 30 gallon trash bag. Bags get quite heavy and are difficult to move from storage to the sorting area. Huge boxes are also difficult to manage.

We have reached our limit for storage of spring and summer clothing, so we are asking that those items be held back until the first of April.

Items intended for the Health Ministry must be marked clearly to ensure they are given to the proper designation.

Recently we have had numerous requests for flip-flops to use in the shower at the shelters. Underwear for men, sizes 30-38, women (sizes 5-9) and children (all sizes) are always in demand. White socks are needed for all. Please do not remove socks or underwear from the original package.

Volunteers are needed for Wednesday morning, particularly for sorting clothes. Men are encouraged to become volunteers. Additional help is needed in helping men choose a suit and in helping unload donations being delivered. Call Vickie Moseley 766-0583 for details.

On Wednesday, February 6, the clothing room had to be closed because of flooding. Special thanks to Ruben Spurlock and Tom Haffner who spent all morning conquering the water and getting the floor dry and to the volunteers, including Jean Rudy, Marianne Forder and Vera Spurlock who stayed and sorted clothes.

Our ministry to the homeless and those who live in poverty continues to grow as we provide a safe, welcoming and affirming place for our neighbors to come for clothing, household and personal items, hospitality breakfasts and most recently, health care. Thank you to all who help our mission happen.

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our church family

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Clancy Biegler	Harold Gray
Gordon Campbell	Glenn Himes
Dick Denney	Larry Newman

SYMPATHIES

Trinity sympathies are extended to Jim and Jan Pepper, Bill Pepper and Rebecca and Daren Horton and Families in the passing of their mother and Trinity member, Ellen Nunn "Nunnie" Pepper.

Need a ride?

Call Trinity's Transportation Voice Mailbox at 523-6683 and leave a message that includes the date and time you need a ride and your destination. The Transportation Coordinator will call you back. Drivers are needed and encouraged to leave a message at the same number.

A New Easter Continued from page 1

Easter cannot be conceived without the empty tomb. Christianity is not darkness, but light; not night, but day; not a final sunset but an eternal sunrise. As Christ affirmed, "Because I live, you will live also." Herein lie hope, assurance, and triumph. And that reality is available immediately, not only for the future. Jesus came to bring us life now, meaningful, abundant, joyous life - now! - plus hope for the future.

Life is transformed by the indwelling Presence of Christ. Hatred can die to be reborn as love. Apathy can die, to be raised as compassion. Despair can die, to be resurrected as hope, confusion turned to understanding, sorrow to joy, turmoil to peace, fear to courage.

When this happens, when this quality of life is experienced, when this joy of living is understood, when the peace and presence and power of God's Holy Spirit lives within, then Easter becomes a daily event as life is transformed through the resurrection power of Easter. This year at Trinity, Easter will inaugurate a "new sanctuary." But every day of our lives, because of Christ's resurrection, we can experience newness, hope, and joy.

Women's Retreat



In February at Deer Creek, 46 Trinity women of all ages gathered together for a wonderful weekend of fellowship, learning, and reflection. Pictured from left to right are Carrie Hays, Holly Neal, Tasha Ruth, Nicole VanderDoes, Elizabeth Smith and Cathy Brady. The theme of the weekend was "Be Still" and everyone enjoyed the opportunity to spend some quiet moments with God. How often do we get an hour of uninterrupted silence? Also, a speaker from the Spirituality Network shared about various forms of prayer so that each woman left the gathering with resources for their Lenten journey. May we all make space to Be Still this season.



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