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TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN FEB Tidings

I witnessed a miracle this past Sunday. Maybe more than one! I observed ten persons, women and men of faith, make unimaginable (without God's help), public promises. Consider some of these constitutional questions:

It all started with affirmations to be led by Jesus, the Scriptures, and the (essential tenets) of the confessions of the Reformed faith.

Then, one of the toughest-

- **Will you be a FRIEND to your colleagues in ministry?** In our modern era, when we so highly prize our individuality, this commitment takes on special meaning and importance. It would not be possible to work together as Deacons or as Elders if even one person were to neglect this way of living.

Next on the list:

- **Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?** I always find myself gasping at the depth and breadth of this particular vow. It's so exciting to know that there are people willing to make this kind of commitment out loud.

We finished up with these two commitments:

- **Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?** Take just a moment and notice the ongoing intentional tension between these qualities. Seeking all three simultaneously requires deep reserves of patience and discernment.
- **Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?** This has always been my favorite of all the questions. It is so positive yet challenging all at once. It calls forth the very best of all of us.

Think about it. Any one of these questions could be (should be?) a life-long project. Taken all together, they represent a very special way of life. May God richly bless and use all of these leaders in our midst and guide them as they strive to live into these promises.

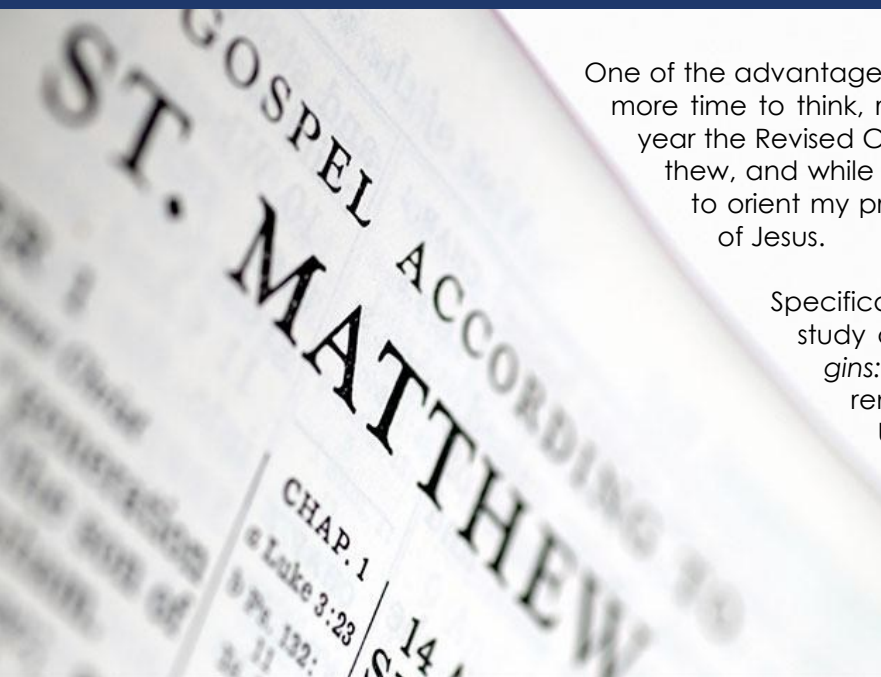
Grace and Peace,

MARK

*Will you be a
FRIEND?*



note from the associate pastor...



One of the advantages of preaching just once a month is that I have a little more time to think, reflect, and prepare sermons and sermon series. This year the Revised Common Lectionary cycle features the Gospel of Matthew, and while I'm not planning a year-long sermon series, I do plan to orient my preaching in 2020 around Matthew's version of the life of Jesus.

Specifically, I've rediscovered on my bookshelf an interesting study of Matthew, Warren Carter's *Matthew and the Margins: A Sociopolitical and Religious Reading*. Carter's book reminds me of a seminary class called "Bible from the Underside," taught by Dr. Frances Taylor Gench, which examined the Bible from the perspective the powerless. As Carter writes,

The biblical material, such as Matthew, mostly originates in social locations of weakness and cultural marginality, among a minority, from the poor. Generally it does not offer the powerful who occupy the status quo much comfort. ...

Carter's study of Matthew helps us to see and hear the gospel from the perspective of Matthew's audience, likely a small minority group in the large city of Antioch, near the end of the first century. Obviously, we can barely scratch the surface of experiencing the life they lived, but I hope we can at least get a sense of the Bible as something fresh and new, even as we follow the familiar steps of Jesus.

With you on the journey—

- DWIGHT

revised common lectionary ...february 2020

**Fourth Sunday
after the Epiphany**
February 2, 2020

- Micah 6:1-8
- Psalm 15
- 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
- Matthew 5:1-12

**Presentation of
the Lord**
February 2, 2020

- Malachi 3:1-4
- Psalm 84
- Hebrews 2:14-18
- Luke 2:22-40

**Fifth Sunday
after the Epiphany**
February 9, 2020

- Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12)
- Psalm 112:1-9 (10)
- 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16)
- Matthew 5:13-20

**Sixth Sunday
after the Epiphany**
February 16, 2020

- Deuteronomy 30:15-20
- Psalm 119:1-8
- 1 Corinthians 3:1-9
- Matthew 5:21-37

**Transfiguration
Sunday**
February 23, 2020
(Last Sun. before Lent)

- Exodus 24:12-18
- Psalm 2
- 2 Peter 1:16-21
- Matthew 17:1-9

A NOTE OF THANKS:

*Thank you for all your prayers,
cards and calls during Emil's
last two months.*

They were greatly appreciated.

- DORIS KLIMACH

session notes:

The Session held its regular meeting on January 14, 2020. Glenn Walker shared a devotion on strengthening our faith, and then led us in an opening prayer.

We noted with sorrow that Phyllis Dills passed away December 26, 2019 and that Emil Klimach passed away January 6, 2020, and with joy that Colton Winchester joined Trinity on January 5, 2020.

We welcomed incoming elders Diane Bowers, Julie Carter, and Molly Garnett with joy. They shared their faith journeys with us. They and elders Jim Smelker and Fitz Sthreshley, whose terms are being renewed, answered the constitutional questions. Julie Carter was accepted for ordination and installation as an elder, and Diane Bowers, Molly Garnett, Jim Smelker and Fitz Sthreshley were accepted for installation.

That evening also saw the appointment of Elders to serve the various ministries of the church, and the election of Kathryn Forsythe as Clerk of Session for 2020. The following are the Ministry assignments: (see right)

Several motions were then brought by Finance and Stewardship, which session approved: the allocation of the 2019 surplus to the Capital Fund, revisions to the 2020 budget, and the addition of Linda Walker and Barry Stokes to the 2020 Internal Review Team.

We also approved the use of the Art League's rental of the previous Head Start space and their use of the Fellowship Hall once a month.

For the Fellowship Ministry, we approved, with particular thanks to Erika McGilley, the purchase of the Moyer Diebel 383HT dishwasher with costs to be offset by a Buddy Kaye concert and dinner ticketed fundraiser and other donations.

Local Mission moved, and session approved the observation of National Scout Sunday on February 9, including the scouts giving their scout oath, and inviting the congregation to join them in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

We elected Molly Garnett as commissioner to the January 25 Presbytery Meeting, and Bob Forsythe as our alternate commissioner for the year, to serve as commissioner if one of our two elected commissioners for a given meeting is unable to attend.

Additionally, we approved serving the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of each month and on Maundy Thursday. We also approved the charters of the Worship Ministry, the New Member Ministry, and the Christian Nurture Ministry.

ADMINISTRATION

Ed Spencer

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Mark Slaughter

CHRISTIAN NURTURE

Pamela Campbell

FELLOWSHIP

Julie Carter

FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP

Jim Smelker
and Diane Bowers

GLOBAL MISSION

Dan Donovan

LOCAL MISSION

Glenn Walker

NEW MEMBER

Pamela Campbell, liaison;
Tom Bridges

PERSONNEL

Fitz Sthreshley

TRINITY PRESCHOOL

Ron Howard
and Julie Carter

WORSHIP

Judi Weeter

BUILDING USE COORDINATOR

Jeffrey Sheffield

ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE

Glenn Walker

HANNAN COMMITTEE

Mark Slaughter, liaison;
Tom Bridges

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Ron Howard

DEACON LIAISON

Nancy Kisner

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN LIAISON

Diane Bowers

MEMORIAL GARDEN LIAISON

Duane Johnson

Peace be with you,

- KATHRYN FORSYTHE

Clerk of Session



NEW YEAR, NEW IDEAS, NEW KNOWLEDGE THE LEARNING HOUR

JOIN US FOR THE LEARNING HOUR BEFORE WORSHIP
- MAKE IT TWO HOURS ON SUNDAYS AT TRINITY!

sundays @ 9:45

TRINITY'S SUNDAY MORNING LEARNING HOUR OFFERS OPPORTUNITIES
FOR LEARNING AND CHRISTIAN GROWTH FOR ALL AGES

FOR ADULTS

- Elective "The Distinctiveness of Presbyterianism"
- Fellowship Hall

A nine-part video-discussion series featuring the teaching of Dr. Isabel Rogers, beloved professor of theology at Presbyterian School of Christian Education and a Moderator of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Discussion moderated by Mark Stanley and others.

- Hashing It Out - Lounge

Bible study and community of young adults - A more freeform discussion group of friends in faith who offer support, wisdom, and humor to one another.

FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Children are invited to a sanctuary gathering at 9:45, led by the Trinity Youth. At 10:00, we dismiss to the following classes:

- Preschool—Room 203 (adjacent to the Nursery)
(meets 10:15–10:45)
- Elementary (Grades 1–5)—Room 103 (lower level)
- Tweens and Youth (Grades 6 and up)—Room 101
(lower level)

Dr. Isabel
Rogers

PRESBYTERIAN SCHOOL
OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

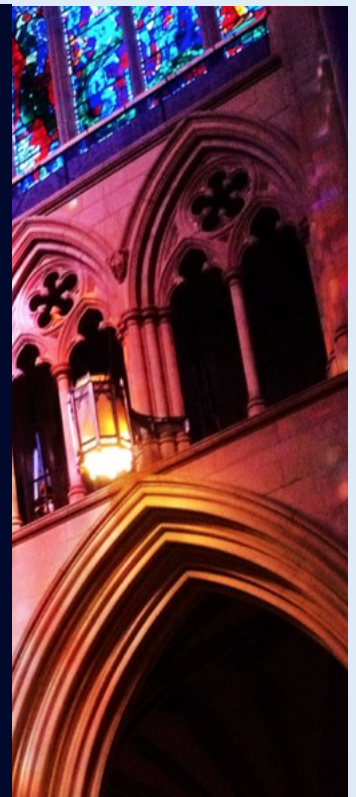
The Distinctiveness of Presbyterianism

SUNDAYS IN FEBRUARY & MARCH

9:45 A.M. (FELLOWSHIP HALL)

A FILM & DISCUSSION SERIES ON PRESBYTERIAN
AND REFORMED BELIEFS & PRACTICES

ALL ARE WELCOMED!



WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

Valentines Day Edition

DINNER AND THAT CLASSIC LOVE STORY:

SHREK!

FEBRUARY 12,
2020

Please sign up at the church or
call the church office by
Monday morning, Feb. 11



We'll gather at 5:30; the film will start at 5:50. Don't miss it!



Lent begins in the wilderness. The Spirit guides Jesus into the wilderness where he comes face to face with temptation and struggle. Yet, in his forty days of fasting, resisting, and wandering, Jesus is shaped and formed for ministry. Similarly, through the wilderness of Lent, we are invited to surrender to the wild leadings of the Spirit. We rarely enter the wilderness willingly, but the wilderness can become sacred even if it remains dangerous. There is no wilderness space too harsh or threatening for God's love.

Lent begins on

Ash Wednesday
February 26, 2020

You're invited to join us for dinner at 5:30, followed by an Ash Wednesday Service at 6:30. All are welcomed!

Trinity Book Group

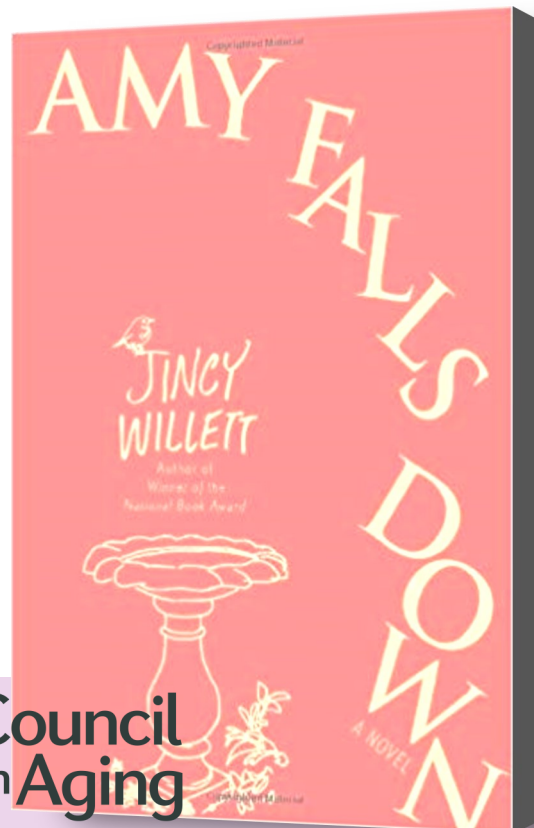
THURSDAY, FEB 27, 2020, AT 1:30

The Trinity Book Group will meet on February 27 at 1:30 in the Trinity Room. We will discuss *Amy Falls Down* by Jincy Willett.

Amy Gallup is an aging novelist and writing instructor living with her dog, Alphonse. She has writer's block and is almost living like a hermit. One day she falls in her backyard garden. Just a simple accident leads to a series of life changes for Amy that range from ridiculous to frightening to profound.

This is an NPR Best Book of 2013. Come join us for light refreshments and enriching discussion.

- BILLIE HICKLIN



Meals on Wheels

Mondays are very special to me because that is the day I am privileged to deliver meals to 10 - 12 clients who participate in the Meals on Wheels (MOW) program through the Council on Aging. These folks are so thankful for receiving a nutritious meal and having someone to talk to Monday through Friday.

In 2019, MOW served 68,780 meals to 557 homebound adults with 304 volunteers. However, today 76 Henderson County residents are on a waiting list to be served. MOW has plans to expand routes in order to serve these folks but that is not possible unless more people volunteer to drive to deliver the food.



**Council
on Aging**

for Henderson County

Would you be willing, if able, to volunteer, either as a 1 day a week regular driver or as a substitute driver? I welcome you to contact me for more information.

I have made so many friends over the past 10 years as a Meals on Wheels volunteer. Financial contributions are also most welcome to help defray the cost of the meals.

- RON HOWARD
828-290-8132

Preschool News

Happy Valentine's Day! Trinity's preschoolers are excited about our upcoming Valentine's Day party!

They are having fun learning about making friends, how to keep their teeth healthy, and two of our past presidents.

Thank you to those who have volunteered to read to our special birthday students. Thank you, also, to those who have linked their Ingles card and Harris Teeter card to the preschool. We appreciate the love, support, and prayers of the congregation.

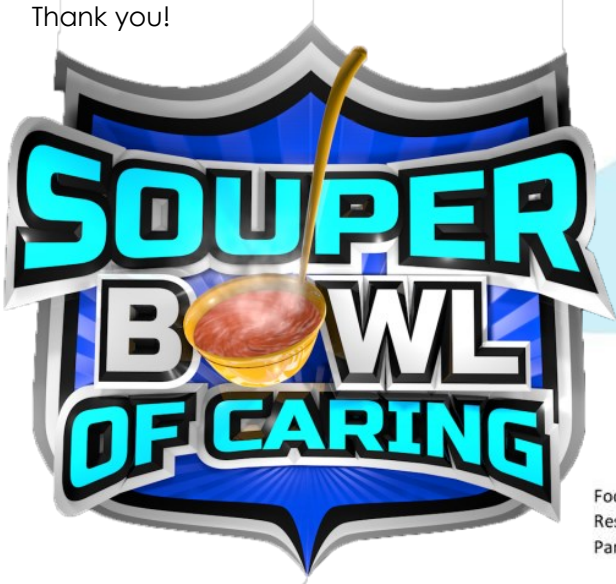
- BETH ERBER
Preschool Director



Local & Global Missions

FEB. 2: THE SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

The Souper Bowl of Caring is an annual, multidenominational, nationwide effort to fight hunger in local communities in which Trinity has participated since 2000. Over those twenty years, we've donated \$4,500, 1,300 items, and nearly one ton of food to Interfaith Assistance Ministry (IAM). This year's Souper Bowl offering takes place next Sunday, Feb. 2. The whole Trinity family is invited to join in this annual effort to fight hunger; donations of food and money will once again go to IAM. Thank you!



IAM INTERFAITH
ASSISTANCE MINISTRY

February 2020 Food & Clothing Needs

'The hands that distribute what the heart of the community provides'

Please help struggling families this winter by donating

Food Needs

Canned Fruit
Dry Cereal
Coffee
Baby Wipes
Paper Towels
Toilet Paper

Clothing Needs

Warm Blankets
Winter Gloves- Adult Sizes
New Socks & Underwear- All Sizes

thank
you

Food can be dropped off at our facility located at 310 Freeman Street. We are located directly behind Tequila's Mexican Restaurant and beside the Blue Ridge Mall on Four Seasons Boulevard. Please call 828-697-7029, ext. 1131 (Clothing and Pantry Manager) if you have questions or need directions.



Feed the Kids

In 2009 Trinity was one of the leaders in creating the Feed the Kids Coalition. Trinity joined with Agudas Israel Synagogue and Unitarian Universalist Fellowship to supply volunteers for one of the six teams who feed kids at the Boys and Girls Club each Friday afternoon. Known as Team #3, our commitment to doing something about hunger among Henderson County's youth as well as our friendship with other faith-based groups has grown over the past ten years. In 2019 our team served meals eight times that totaled 2298 meals for kids! The shopping, food preparation, and delivery of food to the club for each meal this year involved 21 volunteers and a total of 280 volunteer hours. Those serving the meal donated another 237 volunteer hours. With growth of club membership, we can anticipate the numbers increasing in 2020.

- PRISCILLA KARVONEN

presbyterian women of trinity

Save the Dates!

These events will be fun and informative.

- May 14, 2020 - Spring Gathering
- September 17, 2020 - Fall Gathering
- Dec 10, 2020 - Christmas Gathering

PW Circles

- **Esther Circle** - meets 2nd Wednesday 9:45 am
Co-moderators: **Chris Becker (607 652-7644)** and **Diane Bowers (828 674-8574)**
- **Naomi Circle** - meets 3rd Tuesday at 10:00 am
Co-moderators: **Sarah Thibodeau (828 698-8679)** and **Nancy Kisner (828 606-6360)**
- **Rebekah Circle** - meets 2nd Monday at 1:00 pm
Co-moderators: **Cheryl Spencer (828 749-4924)** and **Jane Presseau (828 698-4317)**
- **Deborah Circle** - meets 4th Tuesday at 6:00 pm
Co-moderators: **Judi Weeter (828 595-9354)** and **Nancy Sheffield (973 519-9060)**

Recycle Aluminum Cans
for Guatemala

Children's Scholarships
1st Sunday of each month

Every can helps!

Please bring your rinsed cans
in a plastic bag and place them in the
Gold Toyota in front of the church
between 9:30 and 11:00.



- CAROLE BALL

All of these circles enthusiastically greet new members. If you would like to "try one out," call one of the co-moderators listed above. You will be welcomed.

Reminder! Trinity's Presbyterian Women has a tradition of collecting travel-sized personal care products at our Christmas gathering. These toiletries have gone to the Henderson County Public Schools, where the HELP program assists homeless kids (at last count, 358 boys and girls) who attend county schools. So, as you travel throughout the year, be sure to pick up those small toiletry bottles you find in your hotel rooms. They will be highly appreciated!

- BEV LUZADDER

weekly prayer people

FEBRUARY 2

- George & Marguerite Miller
- Barbara Nichols
- Cathy O'Neil
- Joan Osborne

FEBRUARY 9

- Ruth Mills
- Andy & Leslie Nissen
- Don & Sue Osterberg
- Becky Palmer

FEBRUARY 16

- Betsy Mixner
- Chuck & Sara Noegel
- Dolly Owens
- Pat Penn

FEBRUARY 23

- Mary Ann Moore
- Jim & Pat Norris
- Bryson Ozier
- Kay & Harry Papazian

Trinity Bridge Group

WHAT IS TRINITY BRIDGE ALL ABOUT?

1. A once-a-month evening event at each other's homes
2. Couples or singles can participate
3. A fun way to get to know each other
4. All levels of play are welcome
5. Light snacks to nibble on
6. You can sign up as a substitute
7. Bring a friend - you don't have to be a members of Trinity to have fun with us!

For more info, please call:

Myrl Jean Hughes 828-891-5556

Carolyn George 828-388-1108

Flowers for Worship

SIGN UP TO DONATE A BEAUTIFUL FLOWER ARRANGEMENT IN HONOR OF YOUR SPECIAL DAY OR LOVED ONE.

You have so many options!

- Sign up online on our homepage (look for **"NEW! Flower Chart Sign-up"** at left)
- Sign up in the red **"Trinity Flowers"** notebook near the Atrium (where the old flower chart was)

Flowers are **\$40/week** (special requests may cost extra) There are **19 Sunday** bouquets currently unclaimed for the year, excluding Easter Lilies and Christmas poinsettias (*these are unlimited!*). After service, you may choose to take your flowers home with you or donate them to the Deacons for those in need of cheer.

Sign-up TODAY to reserve your beautiful arrangement.



ABOVE: Blessing of newly-ordained elders and deacons

BELOW: Ed Spencer, Julie Carter, Diane Bowers, Cheryl Spencer, Barbara Engle, Pat Penn, Denise Slaughter, Linda Stokes



- 1** Gloria Smith
Kate Vining
- 3** Jack Caylor
- 5** Jim VanCleve
Jessica Castorman
- 6** Sue Osterberg
- 10** David Purnell
- 13** Barbara Bennett
Mary Beth VanCleve
- 15** Gene Carlson
Pat Norris
Cathy O'Neil
- 17** Ben Moore
- 19** Sally Kitts
- 21** Carl Schreck
- 22** Ted Dills
Margaret Sharke
- 23** Jim Kisner
- 26** Rebecca Wilson
- 27** Donna Crawford
Joe Messer

Celtic Spirituality II

PWNC ANNUAL SPIRITUALITY RETREAT

MARCH 13-14, 2020

BONCLARKEN CONFERENCE CENTER



The Presbytery of Western North Carolina invites you to join retreat leader Carl McColman in an experience of the prayer, poetry, folklore, and spirituality of the Celtic Christians of old—and how their down-to-earth, lyrical, and hope-filled wisdom still speaks to us today.

For all who attend, our weekend together will explore ways for us to celebrate Celtic wisdom and weave it into our lives here in the 21st century. We will pray together, enjoy the poetry and stories of the Celtic saints, and seek the still, small voice of God in the natural beauty of Bonclarken.



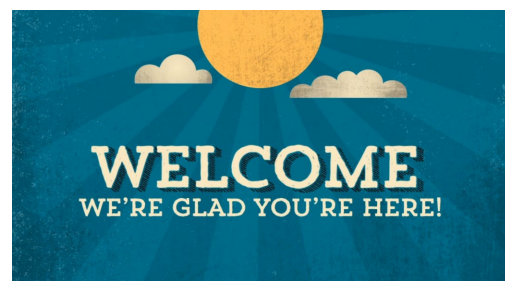
More information and registration forms can be found on the Events bulletin board in the Narthex.



OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

From far left: Colton Winchester,
Cassie Miller & Julie Butcher

NOT PICTURED: Barb T.



SUN

MON

TUE

WED

THU

FRI

SAT

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February 2020

2 - COMMUNION
& "SOUPER" BOWL

8:30 Worship
9:45 Learning Hour
10:30 Choir Rehearsal
11:00 Worship
12:00 Trinity 30 Fellowship
12:30 Out to Lunch Bunch

3

1:00 PW Coordinating
2:30 PW Bible Study
Leaders Meeting
4:00 Tai Chi

4

9:00 Staff Meeting
10:00 Coffee/Issues
10:00 New Members Sub.
4:00 Global Missions

5

10:30 Friends in Christ
3:00 Finance/
Stewardship Ministry
7:30 Choir Rehearsal

6

9:30 WNC Quilters
9:30 Spanish Class
11:00 New Member
Ministry Meeting
4:00 Tai Chi
6:15 Cub Scouts Pack 620
6:30 Buddy Kaye Big Band
Rehearsal

7 - RESILIENCE
& RESTORATION RETREAT
(MONTREAT)

8 - RESILIENCE
& RESTORATION RETREAT
(MONTREAT)

9

8:30 Worship
9:45 Learning Hour
10:30 Choir Rehearsal
11:00 Worship
12:00 Trinity 30 Fellowship
12:30 Out to Lunch Bunch
2:00 - Art League

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1:00 Rebekah Circle
4:00 Worship Ministry
4:00 Tai Chi

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9:00 Staff Meeting
10:00 Coffee/Issues
10:00 New Members Sub.
10:00 Preschool Board
10:30 Preschool Board
3:00 Origami Group
3:30 Deacons Meeting
5:30 Local Missions Mtg.
6:30 Session Meeting

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9:45 Esther Circle
10:30 Friends in Christ
3:00 Christian Nurture
5:30 WNL Dinner
6:30 WNL Program:
Movie Night - Shrek
7:30 Choir Rehearsal

13

9:30 Spanish Class
1:00 Prayer Shawl Mtg.
4:00 Tai Chi
6:15 Cub Scouts Pack 620

14 - VALENTINE'S DAY

9:00 American Assoc.
of University Women

15

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8:30 Worship
9:45 Learning Hour
10:30 Choir Rehearsal
11:00 Worship
12:00 Trinity 30 Fellowship
12:30 Out to Lunch Bunch

17 - PRESIDENTS' DAY

4:00 Tai Chi

18

9:00 Staff Meeting
10:00 Coffee/Issues
10:00 New Members Sub.
10:00 Naomi Circle
4:00 Hendersonville Pride
7:00 Building & Grounds

19

10:30 Friends in Christ
7:30 Choir Rehearsal

20 - TIDINGS DEADLINE

9:30 Spanish Class
4:00 Tai Chi
6:15 Cub Scouts Pack 620

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9:00 Feed the Kids

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23 - 5 CENTS A MEAL

8:30 Worship
9:45 Learning Hour
10:30 Choir Rehearsal
11:00 Worship
12:00 Trinity 30 Fellowship
12:30 Out to Lunch Bunch

24

4:00 Tai Chi

25 - MARDI GRAS

9:00 Staff Meeting
10:00 Coffee/Issues
10:00 New Members Sub.
3:00 Origami Group
6:00 Deborah Circle

26 - ASH WEDNESDAY

10:30 Friends in Christ
5:30 Ash Wednesday
Dinner
**6:30 Ash Wednesday
Worship Service**
7:30 Choir Rehearsal

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9:30 Spanish Class
1:30 Book Club
4:00 Tai Chi
6:15 Cub Scouts Pack 620

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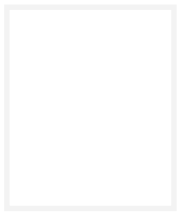
9:00 American Assoc.
of University Women

29 - CREATION CARE
FOR KIDS (ST. JOHN IN
THE WILDERNESS)



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Rev. Dwight Christenbury • Associate Pastor
Sally Beghtol, CP • Minister of Visitation
Beth Erber • Preschool Director
Stephen Klein • Organist/Adult Choir Director
Gene Carleson • Custodian
Katie Cilluffo • Administrative Assistant/Graphic Designer



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Trinity Presbyterian Church welcomes **you** without regard to race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, education, economic circumstance, your place of origin or any other issue that divides God's Family.

We are Christ's people and this is Christ's place
with its doors wide open.

Welcome!

tidings

“while it is
february
one can taste the full joys
of anticipation.”

Patience Strong

