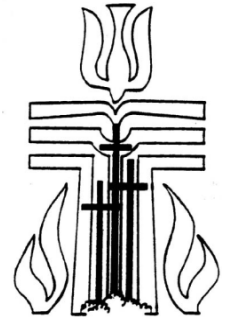


# Trinity Presbyterian Church

## Tidings



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#### PASTOR'S CORNER

As we begin a new year, it is good to have a reminder of our purpose as the Church. In a world full of need, what is the Church supposed to be doing? How are we meant to respond to the wide variety of concerns all around us?

Did you know that our, "Book of Order" takes these questions so seriously that they are the basis for the very first chapter? We (Presbyterians) first proclaim that, "Christ is the Head of the Church," and then immediately following this, we make a list of, "The Great Ends of the Church!"

#### *The Great Ends of the Church*

*The proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of human-kind.*

*The shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God.*

*The maintenance of divine worship.*

*The preservation of truth.*

*The promotion of social righteousness.*

*The exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.*

It is from these concerns that all our other priorities flow. So, next time you are wondering why we do what we do – ask yourself if we are seeking to fulfill one of these vital goals!

Grace and Peace in the New Year, Mark

## Note from the Associate Pastor

So what do you do with January?

The deadline for submitting articles and information for the upcoming issue of the *Tidings* is always the 15th of the month. So, if it's the 15th (or a few days after the 15th), you can count on the fact that at some point on that day I'll be writing this note!

From the 15th of any given month, it's only a little over two weeks until the next month—but it seems like an especially long two weeks from December 15 until January 1. I'm still in too much a December state of mind to be thinking about January . . . but sure enough, January arrives right on schedule!

Well, I have no predictions to offer for January, much less for the rest of 2019, except this: there will be joy and sorrow, sickness and health, the expected and the unexpected. And this: no matter what comes, God will be with us through it all. May we enter the new year with hearts and minds ready to receive—and share—God's grace.

With you on the journey,

Dwight



### Solar Energy Project Update

Keeping you up-to-date and in the loop:

- We have received pledges in excess of the \$80,000 goal.
- Thank you letters for pledges have been sent and received.
- Most of the funds pledged for 4th quarter 2018 have been received.
- We've requested 1st quarter 2019 pledges by January 30, if possible.
- The contract with Sugar Hollow Solar has been signed.
- The interconnect permit application with Duke has been finalized.
- Enrique Sanchez will be our site construction superintendent.
- The solar panels are coming soon!

Thank you for your support for converting some of God's beautiful, brilliant sunshine into solar energy for Trinity!



The Session held its monthly meeting on December 18, a week later than usual thanks to the recent snow storm. The meeting was opened with a devotional presented by Pamela Campbell. She reminded those present that we can find the hand of God in many aspects of our lives, but if we are not paying attention we can miss it.

The Session rejoiced in the coming of Barry and Linda Stokes, and Katharine DiOrio as the newest members of Trinity. They also remembered the life of Sarah Gilbert who passed away on December 2, 2018.

Mark and Dwight reported on their actions in support of the life and ministry of Trinity. The Advent and Christmas Seasons are always particularly demanding upon them. Dwight highlighted that later in the week Trinity would be holding its first "Blue Christmas" service, in recognition that there may be aspects of the Christmas time that are not particularly joyous for some folks. It is hoped that this service will bring peace and comfort.

Tom Karvonen reported that, as of the meeting \$82,221 had been pledged by 120 people toward the installation of solar panels on the roof of the church. The contract has been signed with the vendor, and the application for the Duke rebate will be filed in January 2019. Work will begin in early 2019.

Finance and Stewardship Ministry presented the proposed 2019 Budget. Following a discussion, the 2019 Budget was approved by Session. The details of the budget will be presented at the Annual Congregational meeting to be held on Sunday, January 20, 2019, during the Learning Hour.

Session was pleased to hear the faith journey stories of newly elected Session members Kathryn Forsythe and Jeffrey Sheffield. They were both approved for ordination. The ordination and installation of new Session members will take place at both services on January 6, 2019.

Finance and Stewardship Ministry reported that through November 2018 estimate of giving receipts are below expectations and the net income is a negative \$20,209. It is hoped that end of year giving will help to close that gap.

Session elected Kathryn Forsythe to be the Clerk of Session in 2019.

Let me take a moment to thank all who have helped and supported me over the past few years as I served in the role of Clerk of Session. I am pleased that I have been able to serve Trinity in this capacity, and I know that we will be in good hands as Kathryn assumes that role.

*Duane Johnson,*

Clerk of Session

### January Birthdays

- 1 Myrl Jean Hughes
- 2 Denise Slaughter
- 3 Sierrah Haskins  
George Bradberry
- 4 Ruth Mills  
Rebecca Palmer
- 5 Anne Stoneman
- 7 Clarence Poole
- 10 Frank Hyde  
Ray Dearborn
- 11 Mark Slaughter
- 12 Barbara Docherty  
Dave Morrison
- 13 Nancy Kisner  
\*River Keefer
- 14 Kathryn Forsythe
- 17 Emil Klimach  
Gladys Hilley
- 20 Ann Fennell
- 21 Sara Noegel
- 23 Drew Prichard
- 24 Ginny Gernoske  
Evans Thibodeau
- 26 Blake Wright





## TRINITY PRESCHOOL NEWS

Our New Year is off with a bang! Our enrollment is increasing. We have 2 new students in the 2 year old room and will welcome another new student in February.

We are learning about animals in winter, heroes such as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and hoping for snow! Thank you for your continued support of our program.

Our children benefit academically, socially, physically, and spiritually. Their parents benefit, as well. One parent said she and her husband were not particularly religious but were learning about Jesus through the stories her son retold at home. Our little preschool has a big impact!



## THE MITTEN TREE

From the warmth of your hearts...you decorated The Mitten Tree with 82 pairs of warm mittens and gloves, 100 pairs of socks, 37 hats, and 2 pairs of slippers—beautiful clothing much needed and appreciated by the children who received them. Your gifts were delivered with love and best wishes from Trinity to IAM. Many, many children will be warmer this winter—thanks to you!

## Book Group

January 24



Trinity Book Group will meet on January 24, 2019 at 1:30 pm in the Trinity Room. Our selection is *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles. In 1922 Count Rostov is sentenced to house arrest in a grand hotel in Moscow. An indomitable man of erudition and wit who has never worked a day in his life, his reduced circumstances provide Rostov a doorway into a much larger world of emotional discovery. Please join us for light refreshments and lively discussion.



## TRINITY 30



There is a new sign up sheet for Trinity 30 on the board in the Narthex for the new year. Many of you have generously hosted this time of fellowship in 2018 and you are greatly appreciated!

With our new simplicity, it is much easier to host and clean up, so please find a date that will work for you and sign up.

Grateful for your help,

Cheryl Spencer

## Trinity's Learning Hour—January 2019

Sunday mornings, 9:45–10:45

Trinity's Sunday Morning Learning Hour offers opportunities for learning and Christian growth for all ages.

### FOR ADULTS

**NOTE: Adult classes will not be held on January 20, when all are invited to participate in the Annual Meeting of the Congregation (Fellowship Hall)**

Elective: "Biblical Wisdom: From the Psalms to Jesus" Jack Presseau and his team will lead this course, with each session including a 30-minute DVD lecture, followed by analysis and discussion—Fellowship Hall

Issues & Concerns. Contemporary topics in church and society—Room 207

Hashing It Out. Bible study and community for young adults—Lounge

Lectionary Class. Will not meet (participants are invited to join the Elective course)

### FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Preschool—Room 203 (adjacent to the Nursery) (meets 10:15–10:45)

Primary (Grades K–4)—Room 103 (lower level)

Tweens and Youth (Grades 5 and up)—Room 101 (lower level)

**Join us for the Learning Hour before or after worship—make it two hours on Sundays at Trinity!**

## Wednesday Night Live: January

All are invited to join us for the spring 2019 season of Wednesday Night Live! Dinners are served at 5:30, followed by a program at 6:30. We have a great and varied lineup of musicians and guest speakers; here's a look at what's happening this month:

**January 16**                      New Year's Jazz Vespers, featuring the Michael Jefry Stevens Quartet  
(rescheduled from the snow day in December)

**January 30**                      "The Hendersonville Community Music Center Presents . . ."  
(rescheduled from December)

**Rebekah Circle**

2nd Monday, 12:30 PM  
Jane Presseau, 698-4317  
Cheryl Spencer, 749-4924

**Naomi Circle**

3rd Tuesday, 10:00 AM  
Nancy Kisner, 692-9170  
Sarah Thibodeau, 698-8679

**Esther Circle**

2nd Wednesday, 9:45 AM  
Pamela Campbell, 53-1464  
Chris Becker, 607-437-6000

**Deborah Circle**

3rd Wednesdays, 6:15 PM  
Judi Weeter, (828) 595-9354

The PW Coordinating Team meets the  
1st Monday of the month at 1:00 PM in  
the Trinity Room.

**OUR GUATEMALA PARTNERSHIP**

*"that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith". Romans 1:12*



***Keep in Prayer***  
**January 26<sup>th</sup> Trip to Guatemala**

On January 26<sup>th</sup> Carole Ball and other members of the Guatemala Partnership Leadership Team of the Presbytery of WNC will fly to Guatemala to participate in the Annual Joint Partnership Committee Meeting and Sub Committee Meetings of Education, Health, and Micro Loans. We will return February 5<sup>th</sup>. While in Guatemala Carole will also visit Trinity's partner church Fuente de Vida. If you have questions or wishes you would like Carole to take to our partner church please email her at [caroleball@gmail.com](mailto:caroleball@gmail.com) by January 12<sup>th</sup>.

In 2013 we took a team from Trinity to visit Fuente de Vida. Members of that team include: Bev Luzadder, Duane Johnson, Mark Stanley, Beth Miller and Carole Ball. We tried to plan a trip for 2018 and had several interested people; however, we could not settle on a date. If you would be interested in going to Guatemala as part of a team please speak to one of the above mentioned persons; and give Carole your name and email address. Good times for trips are early spring, November, or December after Christmas. Trip dates can be planned to include youth. The main focus of the trips are building relationships. We hope you will give prayerful thought to being a member of this next trip.

**CANS ONLY**

**Recycle Aluminum Cans for Guatemala**  
**Children's Scholarships**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month**

Every can helps! Please bring your cans  
in a plastic bag and place them in the Gold Toyota in front of the church between  
9:30 and 12:30.

**Many thanks to all who participate!**

## New Library Resources to Interest You



Jan and Jock Aplin have donated the following titles:

*Dreamland: The True Tale. . .* (25/QUI) by Sam Quiviones  
*Rising Out of Hatred...* (225/SAS) by Eli Saslow.

Marian Lowry has donated the following titles:

*Caregiving* (20/RIE) by Marty Richards  
*The Elements of Prayer* (10/JEWE) by Joe B. Jewell  
*Prism Poems* (29/HAU) by Barbara Haugh  
*A Sustainable Presbyterian Future* (22/WEE) by Lewis B. Weeks  
*Who Gets What* (25/FEI) by Kenneth R. Feinberg

Other gifts include:

*Amazing Grace* (14/AMA) Hymn by John Newton  
*Old Turtle* (A/WOO) by Douglas Wood

Purchased books include the following:

*Keep Your Courage* (9/HEY) by Carter Heywood  
*Short Stories by Jesus* (5/LEV) by Amy-Jill Levine

Cheryl and Ed Spencer have donated \$100. to the Trinity Library in memory of Betty Bobb. Books and DVDs are being purchased.

The Book Club has donated \$25. to the Trinity Library in memory of Dot Lovick for the purchase of a book.

Jane Presseau

Dear friends at Trinity,



Somehow life enticed two expressive soulmates, a struggling farmer and a high-school teacher, to regularly set aside time each week for over a year to carefully script their thoughts on the issues and events unfolding about them. Life had them fall in love as the economy tanked and another world war threatened.

These two Swedish Evangelical Lutherans would become my parents. *A Lettered Courtship* is a trilogy with their edited letters at its core. *Encountering God* and *Questioning God's Will* are the first and second books. A copy of each is in the library.

The understandings and choices in these letters are best viewed not so much answers as doors and angles into one's own life and relationships. Let me know if you would like to discuss the issues, [mkallynjn@mindspring.com](mailto:mkallynjn@mindspring.com), or to join the discussion at <https://www.facebook.com/FindYTK/>.

With best wishes, Mark Johnson



## Lectionary Readings

### Epiphany of the Lord

January 6

Isa. 60:1-6; Ps. 72:1-7, 10-14;  
Eph. 3:1-12; Matt. 2:1-12  
John 11:1-45

### Baptism of the Lord

January 13

Isa. 43:1-7; Ps. 29; Acts 8:14-17  
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

### Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 20

Isa. 62:1-5; Ps. 36:5-10; 1 Cor. 12:1-11;  
John 2:1-11

### Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 27

Neh. 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10;  
Ps. 19; 1 Cor. 12:12-14;  
Luke 4:14-21

### Preaching Schedule for January 2019

January 6—Mark Stanley  
January 13—Mark Stanley  
January 20—Dwight Christenbury  
January 27—Mark Stanley

### In Memoriam

Sarah Gilbert

### Raised to the Church Triumphant

Submissions to **Tidings**: [bettye@trinitypresnc.org](mailto:bettye@trinitypresnc.org)  
By the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month for the **following month's** issue.

## Weekly Prayer People

Each week we will include the names of four to six church members in the bulletin and in the monthly *Tidings*. We ask that you include these people in your prayers.

### January 6

Bob and Claire Lux, Jim and Pat Norris, Clarence and Joan Poole, Bud and Carol Ann Mayfield.

### January 13

Fred Kreckler, Cheri Novak, Jack and Jane Presseau, Chuck and Suzanne McClurg.

### January 20

Bob and Kathleen Ohle, George and Marguerite Miller, Jan and Drew Prichard, Alice and Hannah McCullough.



### January 27

Cathy O'Neil, Jerry and Bea Miller, David and Dianne Purnell, Sharon McCullough



*Happy  
New Year*

# January 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> <b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b> 	<b>2</b> 10:30 Friends in Christ 4:00 Finance/Stewardship 7:30 Choir	<b>3</b> 9:30 Spanish Class 10:00 Study of Luke 4:00 Tai Chi	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> Communion 8:30 Worship Service 9:45 Learning Hour 11:00 Worship Service 12:00 Trinity 30	<b>7</b> 1:00 PW Coordinating Team 4:00 Tai Chi	<b>8</b> 9:00 Staff Mtg. 10:00 New Member Subcommittee 10:00 Coffee/Issues 10:00 TPS Board 3:30 Deacons Mtg. 5:30 Local Missions 6:30 Session Mtg.	<b>9</b> 9:45 Esther Circle 10:30 Friends in Christ 7:30 Choir	<b>10</b> 9:30 Spanish Class 10:00 Study of Luke 4:00 Tai Chi	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
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***To:***



**January  
2019**



For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11

#### TRINITY MISSION STATEMENT

*Trinity is a family of faith called to make the Word known to all ages, to grow in faith together, to minister to those in need, and to do all these things with joy, love, and compassion in the name of Christ the Lord.*