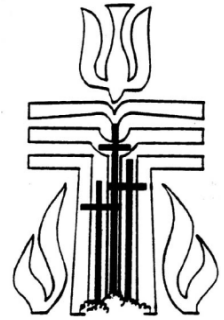


# Trinity Presbyterian Church

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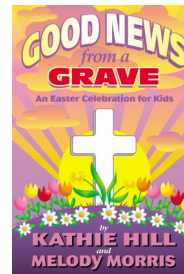
**Financial Update:** At the end of March, income was \$44,000 more than total expenses, due primarily to prepayments of \$46,000 in 2018 EOGs (Estimates of Giving) received in late 2017. Another way to look at this: with 25% of the year behind us, we have collected about 33% of total budgeted EOG income, again due in part to the prepayment of EOGs last year.

Compared to our budget, our income through March is \$1100 more than budget and expense is \$1100 more than budget so we are running at break-even vs. budget.

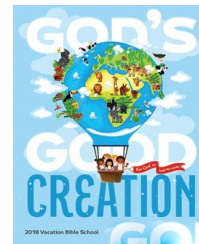
**Trinity Pre-School** is doing well so far due to higher enrollment driving higher tuition income. **Fellowship:** Wednesday Night Live also is running favorable to budget.

Tom Karvonen

#### Summer Activities for Children and Youth!



Vacation Bible School: June 18–21, 2018, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon each day.



Music & Drama Camp: June 25–July 1, 2018, 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. each day.

**Registration is OPEN for both of these great events!**

**Scarcity or Abundance?**

Is the glass half empty or is it half full? Some say that your answer is driven by your perception. Others would argue that the conditions of your environment have determined how you see the glass and its contents. Still others say that your answer reflects an intentional decision that you must make. Here's my question: What does your answer to this question say about your theology?

Let me elaborate: Is God's Grace a finite resource? Limited and only available to a few? (Is God's glass half empty?) What about the love of God? How about God's determination to forgive? At some point, do these things become scarce?

OR, could it be that our God is a God of abundance; pouring out grace and love and forgiveness and salvation far and wide? There's enough to go around. All are included. "Grace Abounds!"

One final question: How does our perception of God, whether a giver of scarcity or abundance, affect how we act towards those around us?

Grace and Peace (In Abundance!), Mark

***Note from the Associate Pastor***

There's a tired old joke—a not very funny one at that—that asks how many Presbyterians it takes to change a light bulb. The answer: "CHANGE?!?!?!"

I was reminded of this joke in recent conversations with many of you regarding this summer's change (CHANGE?!?!?!?) in our Sunday morning schedule. But I've never cared for this joke, for two reasons:

1. It's simply not true that Presbyterians are reflexively resistant to change. One of our mottos, after all, is "The Church Reformed, Always Being Reformed." We recognize, both historically and theologically, that change is not only inevitable but in many cases desirable.

When we *are* resistant to a particular change, however, we often have good reasons for our opposition.

In conversations with many of you about the summer schedule change, you exemplified both of the above characteristics: Some of you are enthusiastic about the change, for a variety of good reasons. Some of you are opposed to the change, for a variety of good reasons. And some of you, let's be honest, take a "*Meh . . . Whatever*" approach to the whole question—also, I'd be willing to bet, for a variety of good reasons.

Regardless of where you stand on the matter, however, I encourage you, as we enter and move through the summer, to reflect on this schedule change not only for its benefits and drawbacks for yourself and for others but also for the unexpected outcomes that might arise. My guess is that there will be unforeseen consequences—both good and bad—that none of us have yet imagined. And it may well be in the unexpected that we most clearly see, hear, and feel the movement of the Spirit.

Peace,

Dwight



## SESSION NOTES

The Session held its regular meeting on March 10. The meeting was opened by a devotional presented by Sally Beghtol based on a story about Reverend Billy Graham that reminded us of our ultimate destination. Sally then led Session in an opening prayer.

The Session noted the passing of Al Clark on March 15, 2018, and rejoiced in the baptism of Jason Ball, son of Kim Ball, on April 1, 2018.

Tom Bridges brought a report from the Hannan Committee describing some of the programs being supported by the funds they administer. Specifically, the Hannan Committee has provided a \$13,000 grant to the Hendersonville Community Music Center for administrative expenses, and they will be supporting the Youth Summer Musical Program.

Worship Ministry brought a recommendation that Trinity have one Sunday morning service at 10:00 am during the months of June, July and August. Following a lengthy discussion, the recommendation was approved. Christian Nurture Ministry will be bringing a recommendation to the next Session meeting regarding a plan and schedule for the Learning Hour Program.

Personnel Ministry brought a recommendation to hire Ms. Michelle Harris as Bookkeeper pending the successful completion of a background check, reference check, and new hire paperwork. This recommendation was approved by Session.

Local Mission Ministry informed Session of a reduction in federal funding for children's residential care that has taken place. If this reduction stays in effect, it will have a very negative impact on Black Mountain Children's Home and other similar institutions. Representative Mark Meadows has introduced legislation that will restore this funding. Local Mission Ministry requested, and Session approved, that Trinity write letters of support for this legislation to our members of Congress.

Finance Ministry reported that through March 2018 Trinity's income and expense are almost exactly on budget, and that in total income exceeds expenses by \$44,021. Also, the Preschool has a positive budget variance of \$980.

Duane Johnson, Clerk

## May Birthdays

2	Penny Honker
3	Mary Lou Atkin
4	Ginny Arkens
	Robin Hodgson
7	Connie Moore
	Bud Mayfield
8	Betty Musser
11	Gene Carman (100th)
12	John Van Itallie
	Brandon Haskins
13	Bob Forsythe
15	Diane Smelker
16	Vivian Emme
18	Charles Keefer
	Helen Dearborn
19	Irene Solbakken
	Tim Simmons
20	Carolyn Erickson
22	Betsy Mixner
24	Harry Papazian
	Bud Weeks
25	Bonnie Godsey
	Dan Kincaid
	Barbara Howard
26	Ron Howard
	Cindi Sthreshley
29	Ellen Jones
31	Charlie Hunnicutt

**Giving Securities or Retirement Account Funds?** If you are giving securities or transferring retirement funds directly from your financial advisor, please alert Glenn Walker, Assistant Treasurer (828-674-2233) cell. There have been changes that are making it more difficult for Trinity to identify the donor.



**NEW MEMBERS**



**BRYAN BYRD**



**CAROLYN GEORGE**



**TRINITY PRESCHOOL NEWS**

The children enjoyed a restful Spring break and are ready to finish the year strong!

The Preschool will be celebrating all the mothers of the Preschool with a “Muffins for Mom” picnic on May 11th at 10:00.

We will be having our annual fun day on May 23 and graduation on May 25 at 10:30.



Trinity Book Group has selected *A Piece of the World* by Christine Baker Kline for our May 24 meeting in the Trinity Room at 1:30 pm. Written by the author of *The Orphan Train*, his stunning novel of friendship, passion and art is inspired by Andrew Wyeth’s mysterious and iconic painting “Christina’s World.” Please join us for lively discussion and light refreshments.

**SAVE THE DATE – MAY 24, 7 PM**

Join the Human Trafficking ad-hoc committee at a letter writing party. We’re going to write our elected officials to request legislation to recognize and ban Human Trafficking. All pens are welcome! Call Bev Luzadder (890-4404) if you have questions.

## TRINITY RECYCLES

***recycle – to use more than once; to participate in the organized recovery of used material so that it may be processed and used again***

Did you know there is an active recycling program at Trinity?

We have a recycling dumpster and there are a number of places throughout the building where items for recycling can be placed.

two containers at the outer doors as you exit the sanctuary for unwanted bulletins

blue containers in the choir room, library and rooms #207 & #103

large white container in the office next to the small copier

two containers (one for paper, one for cardboard) on the lower level near the doors to pre-school

blue container outside kitchen doors for items from kitchen activities

container labeled “red cups” (usually located near kitchen) for our new red coffee cups

### **We can recycle:**

paper (office, construction, newsprint, magazines) but not tissues, paper towels, aluminum foil, plastic candy wrappers

red coffee cups

cardboard boxes (they need to be broken down flat)

glass bottles and jars (please rinse)

plastic bottles, jars, jugs, clam shells (please rinse)

aluminum and steel cans (please rinse)

**Plastic bags can be found on the door between kitchen areas for aluminum cans which are collected each month to help with scholarships for our partnership with Guatemala.**

Each time we recycle something, one less item goes to the landfill. Scripture instructs God’s people to be careful with what God has created. *“The earth is the Lord’s, all it contains, the world and all who dwell in it.”* Psalm 24:1.

We encourage the members of our Trinity family to examine this truth for what it is, and to join together in finding ways that we can individually and collectively make a difference in preserving the goodness of God’s creation.

**Thank you for participating in our recycling program!!**

**Aluminum 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. Cans will not be collected on rainy Sundays. If it rains they will be collected on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday or the following month.

**Many thanks to all who participate!**

### Five-Cents-a-Meal Hunger Program

The Five Cents a Meal Mission program is one way in which Trinity Presbyterian Church, through the Presbytery of Western North Carolina, can respond, through over-and-above giving, to the biblical mandate to show compassion and do justice for those in need. The program provides an avenue for outreach and ministry through which every Presbyterian can participate equally.

There are three emphases to the program: prayer, discovery, and action. By being involved in all three aspects of the program, participants open themselves to the Holy Spirit's leading to other ways the Five Cents a Meal program can be part of God's work.

The plan of Five Cents a Meal is very simple. Each person contributes 5 cents (or more) for each meal he or she eats. This amounts to \$54.75 per person per year (assuming 3 meals a day). The money is sent to Presbytery. Twice a year the Presbytery Hunger Committee reviews grant requests from regional ministries working with those who struggle with hunger. These agencies must have programs that meet the guidelines adopted by Presbytery, be endorsed by local Presbyterian churches, and representatives must meet with the Hunger Committee. International programs/agencies receiving funds must have been approved by the PCUSA, or else receive approval for Presbytery's General Council. Presbytery Council must approve regional allocations. An annual report is sent to all congregations at the beginning of each year.

There are several reasons why the program is important within the life of Trinity and the Presbytery.

- God commands us to respond in concrete ways to the poor and needy.

- It is simple enough for children to understand.

- It offers all members of Presbytery, young and old, from large and small, rural and urban congregations, the opportunity to participate as equal partners in mission.

- It provides an ongoing process of family and congregational awareness and participation that keeps the needs of those who have insufficient food before each participant.

- It encourages making the needs of others the subject of private, family and congregational prayer, as well as congregational worship and study.

- It is a good beginning point from which a deeper understanding of the root causes of hunger can develop.

- It offers to the people of WNC evidence of God's compassion as manifest in Presbytery outreach.

- It gives evidence that the Good News of Jesus Christ touches the lives of both "givers" and "receivers" at the points of their special needs.

- It is intended to provide a means by which participants can turn away from materialism and over-consumption.

- It has the potential of raising a significant amount of money for mission: almost half a million dollars a year if every member of our Presbytery participates!

**TRINITY HOSTS:** Families for January and February were the Stanfields, Weeks, Dalrymples, Lockwoods, Hanklas, Ericksons/Palmer, Campbells, Beckers and Sheffields. For March and April, Forsythes, Sthresheleys, Tollesons, Carlsons, Dearborns, Stanfields and Walkers. **THANK YOU!** Families are needed for June. The sign-up sheet is in the kitchen or call Neena—606-5202. You all do a great job.

## Presbyterian Women in Mission

In addition to enjoying a great lunch and each others company at our Spring Gathering on April 26, Trinity PW joined with Presbyterian Women around the country to collect our annual Birthday Offering which is used to provide grants of \$100,000 to \$300,000 for capital improvement projects. In 2018, we are answering the call to show Jesus' love to the world by offering our prayers and financial support to three projects that support the critical need for shelter and hospitality.

This grant from PW will make it possible for the Presbyterian Women of Honduras to purchase the Village of Grace Center for Physical and Spiritual Health in Tegucigalpa where they will offer international hospitality for retreats, workshops and mission teams from the PC(USA), Solar Under the Sun, and Living Waters for the World.

The grant to The Dwelling Place in Minneapolis and St. Paul will help to construct a new building for group programming, one-on-one case management, and safe living space for women and their children following their escape from a violent partner.

The grant to Cottage Village in Cottage Grove, Oregon will be used to help build thirteen tiny houses and a central shared-use area that will serve as a compassionate and protective community for vulnerable rural citizens.

Trinity Presbyterian women invite you to join us in our prayers for these organizations and the people they serve.

## Trinity Presbyterian Women Welcome Our New Officers

At our Spring Gathering in April, Trinity PW elected seven officers to serve two year terms on the Coordinating Team. Reelected were Katie Hankla—Treasurer, Donna Dalton—Historian, Judi Weeter—Moderator of Deborah Circle, and Jane Presseau—Co-Moderator of Rebekah Circle. Newly elected were Carol Danlin—Search Moderator, Chris Becker—Co-Moderator of Esther Circle, Cheryl Spencer—Co-Moderator of Rebekah Circle, and Nancy Kisner—Co-Moderator of Naomi Circle.



### Trinity's Learning Hour—May 2018

Sunday mornings, 9:45–10:45

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

#### FOR ADULTS

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

Lectionary Class. Lectionary-based Bible study—Trinity Room

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

#### FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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

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

*Please make a special effort to join us for worship on May 27 (Trinity Sunday) as we say thank you to our Learning Hour teachers, present Bibles to our third graders, and reflect on growth, change, and learning in our Christian walk.*

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



## The Ecumenical Pastoral Center Integration

**CEIPA** is one of the causes supported by Trinity's Global Missions Ministry. It has worked with the Guatemala Partnerships Education Committee in training teachers. Its mission is founded on the best interests of children and adolescents. CEIPA promotes and works for the economic, social, political and cultural rights of children and adolescents, especially working women, from the South-West of Guatemala in an area near our partner church. In April the Global Missions Ministry will send \$2200 to support the work for children and youth in the region near our presbytery partnership.

In a country where; nearly half of the population is under the age of 18, high rates of children labor in informal and hazardous activities, most of the children have daily violations of their rights, are excluded from education and healthcare, and are subject to physical, emotional, and sexual and labor exploitation, CEIPA provides education, vocational training and protection for children and adolescents. CEIPA works to protect children, lobby for their rights, involves children in civic participation through local child-led commissions that work alongside the municipality on child-related issues. CEIPA offers standard education for children and adolescents, accelerated education for those who have missed out on education and vocational training in employability and microenterprise.

**CEIPA** offers hope to children who have lived a life without hope or dreams of a better tomorrow.

Trinity Global Missions Ministry



### Summer Sunday Schedule

Please make note of the following changes to our Sunday morning schedule *for the months of June, July, and August*:

Learning Hour at 9:00 a.m.

A Single Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.

Trinity Fellowship Thirty following worship

*And a special request:* We're working hard to get the word out about this change—online, in the newspaper, on the street, etc.—but please help us by reminding your family, neighbors, and friends and by letting the church office know if you spot incorrect information anywhere. Thank you!

## **HUMAN TRAFFICKING** **(The sale and trade of God's children)**

*The following information is taken from an article from Office of Immigration Issues, Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.*

### **Information:**

Human Trafficking is modern day slavery of global proportions. Trafficking is not something that happens only in economically depressed countries but across the globe there is an underground network that brings humans to those who demand labor, services, and sex. In fact, the International Labor Organization, a UN Agency, estimates that there are at least 12.3 million children, women, and men in the forced or bonded labor and commercial sex servitude at any given time. Even here in the United States, it is estimated that every year approximately 17,000 people are trafficked into the country and an unknown but significant number of American citizens are sold into sex slavery every year.

### **Insight:**

Contrary to popular belief slavery in the United States has not been abolished but there are many organizations working to make this a part of our past. As people of faith, we are called to help those who have no freedom so that they may live in hope.

Looking closely at this issue is disturbing because we see the depth of human sinfulness. However, the women, men and children living in slavery require that people look below the surface and ask questions. By bringing this issue to light, Christians will take the first step to becoming an "Abolitionist" church.

### **A New Mission at Trinity:**

Presbyterian Women, Local Mission Ministry and Global Mission Ministry have combined efforts to tackle this particularly evil form of slavery. A committee consisting of member(s) of each of the above ministries have begun the process of pursuing ways for Trinity members to take action in their efforts to end modern day slavery. Presbyterian Women's representative on the committee is Bev Luzadder and Diane Bowers, Local Mission Ministry's representative is Jim Smelker and Pat Norris will represent Global Mission Ministry. Please pray that all of us at Trinity can help those who live in fear and have the hope of being discovered.

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\* **THANK YOU....** \*  
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\* We are overwhelmed by phone calls, cards and prayers regarding our health issues. After several  
\* hospital and rehabilitation visits encompassing four months, Donna is improving after much therapy  
\* concentrating on attaining a goal of improvement in stamina.  
\* Our eighteen plus years at Trinity are very memorable. We have joined Brevard-Davidson River  
\* Church in Brevard where our son, Keith, is the senior pastor.  
\* Many thanks for your love and continuing prayers. You will always have ours. With every good  
\* wish for the future, we remain...  
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\* Sincerely,  
\* Roger and Donna Thompson  
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## Lectionary Readings

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Day of Pentecost

May 6

Acts 10:44-48; Ps. 98; John 5:1-6;  
John 15:9-17

May 13

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Ps. 1; I John 5:9-  
13; John 17:6-19

May 20

Acts 2:1-21 or Ezek. 37:1-14;  
Ps. 104:24-34, 35b; Rom. 8:22-27 or  
Acts 2:1-21; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Trinity Sunday

May 27

Isa. 6:1-8; Ps. 29; Rom. 8:12-17;  
John 3:1-17

### May Preaching Schedule

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

## 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.

May 6	Amir and Farzade Alavifar, Sharon Lynn Slade, Pat Welty, Peter and Leslie Zarnowski	May 20	Nancy Williard, Dave Arnold and Kathi Bivens, Shirley Bakstad, Kim Ball
May 13	Judy Woelke, Virginia Arkens, Bob and Janet Baker	May 27	Rebecca Wilson, Marty and Tillie Zigovsky, Mary Lou Atkin, Carol Ball

*Greetings from the family of Lois Grossen (former long-time member of Trinity)...*

*Just to inform you that Lois passed away at the very ripe old age of 105 on March 29th. She was so grateful for the fellowship of the church community and spiritual guidance of the clergy. She never did find another Presbyterian church in our area that she liked as well. Thank you for continuing to send her your newsletters as she so looked forward to them.*

*Thank you so much!*

*Sincerely,  
Barbara Keller (daughter-in-law)*

### In Memoriam

**Lois Grossen**

*Raised to the Church Triumphant*



# May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 9:00 Staff Mtg. 10:00 New Member Subcommittee 4:00 Global Missions Ministry	<b>2</b> 10:30 Friends in Christ  7:30 Choir	<b>3</b> 10:00 New Member Committee 4:00 Finance Ministry	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> Communion 8:30 Worship Service 9:45 PW Training 9:45 Inquirers 9:45 Learning Hour 11:00 Worship Service 12:00 Trinity 30	<b>7</b> 1:00 PW Coordinating Team	<b>8</b> 9:00 Staff Mtg. 10:00 New Member Subcommittee 10:00 TPS Board 3:30 Deacons Mtg. 5:30 Local Missions Ministry 6:30 Session Mtg.	<b>9</b> 9:45 Esther Circle 10:30 Friends in Christ  7:30 Choir	<b>10</b> 10:00 Study of Luke	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
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***The TIDINGS of  
Trinity Presbyterian Church  
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***To:***



**May  
2018**



*“When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind...”*  
—Acts 2:1-2

**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.*