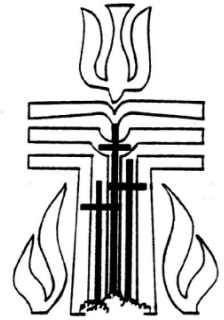


Trinity Presbyterian Church

Tidings



November 2018

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Last week was amazing! There was so much going on at Trinity. It was also fairly typical. It's like that all the time. Consider this: In one 36 hour period, members and guests had the opportunity to engage in one (or more), of the following: A Spanish Class, a Bible Study, a meeting of the Men's Group, a Solar Energy meeting, a Finance Ministry meeting, a Tai-Chi class, an AA meeting, a Wednesday Night Live Dinner, followed by a Piano Program and Hymn Sing, an opportunity to volunteer at the Pre-School, Choir Practice, and of course, there are always times available for private conversations with the Ministers. There was probably also a chance to attend a Presbyterian Women's Event- there are so many of them that I can't keep up with them all. Of course, this doesn't even take into consideration all of the activities that go on "off the calendar." Individuals and groups are constantly reaching out to our community and serving individuals in need. Add to this the Head-Start program and the other numerous community organizations that utilize our building almost daily, and you begin to get the picture of the kind of constant outreach that is going on all around the building.

If you haven't already, please accept this as your invitation to jump into the fray. Trinity has a wide variety of ways to strengthen your spiritual, intellectual, physical and social life. And, if you can't find something that is beneficial for you at this stage in your life, feel free to propose your own fresh idea. Anything is possible! (We might even be able to find the space!)

Grace and Peace, Mark

Note from the Associate Pastor



Stewardship Season is past. Halloween is past. Thanksgiving and Christmas are yet to come. What are we going to do with these three weeks of in-between? Well, how about nothing? Consider these words from Frederick Buechner:

Late one winter afternoon as I was walking to a class that I had to teach, I noticed the beginnings of what promised to be one of the great local sunsets. There was just the right kind of clouds and the sky was starting to burn and the bare trees were black as soot against it. When I got to the classroom, the lights were all on, of course, and the students were chattering, and I was just about to start things off when I thought of the sunset going on out there in the winter dusk, and on impulse, without warning, I snapped off the classroom lights. I am not sure that I ever had a happier impulse. The room faced west so as soon as it went dark, everything disappeared except what we could see through the windows, and there it was—the entire sky on fire by then, like the end of the world or the beginning of the world. You might think that somebody would have said something. . . . But the astonishing thing was that the silence was as complete as you can get it in a room full of people, and we all sat there unmoving for as long as it took the extraordinary spectacle to fade slowly away.

For over twenty minutes nobody spoke a word. Nobody *did* anything. We just sat there in the near-dark and watched one day of our lives come to an end, and it is no immodesty to say that it was a great class because my only contribution was to snap off the lights and then hold my tongue. . . . What was great was the unbusy-ness of it. It was taking unlabeled, unallotted time just to look with maybe more than our eyes at what was wondrously there to be looked at without any obligation to think any constructive thoughts about it or turn it to any useful purpose later, without any weapon at hand in the dark to kill the time it took.

“Be still,” we read in the Psalms, “and know that I am God.”

Peace,

Dwight

Trinity’s Learning Hour—November 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—Fellowship Hall

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)

Special Event for Kids and Youth: On Sunday, Nov. 18, our Learning Hour will be led by Chelsea Watkins, who will give us a taste of what’s new and what’s great at Camp Grier for 2019!

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



SESSION NOTES

The Session met in its regular meeting on October 9. The meeting was opened by a devotional prayer by Evans Thibodeau from the book, "The Prayers of Peter Marshall." This reminded us of our civic duty as Christians.

The Session remembered Betty Bobb who passed away on September 17, 2018.

In his report to Session Mark noted that the new Trinity web site was nearing completion. He noted the work that Katie Cilluffo has done on the development of the new web site, and that she will continue to have an active role in our internet presence.

Stewardship and Finance Ministry asked that Session approve the request from the ad hoc committee on Solar Panels to proceed to submit requests for proposals to prospective solar panel suppliers, and to initiate a fundraising program separate from the regular stewardship process. The Session approved this request.

Stewardship and Finance Ministry also recommended that the congregation be notified of ways members can contribute to the recovery efforts following hurricane Florence. Contributions can be made to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) or the Presbytery of Western North Carolina. It was noted that Global Mission Ministry has designated funds to PDA for hurricane relief.

Worship Ministry presented a proposal to hold a Church in the Community Sunday on April 29, 2019. Those who desire can select an outreach activity in which to participate on that Sunday. Church services will be available for those unable to participate in the outreach program. This proposal was approved by Session.

Building and Grounds Ministry announced that the roof repairs for the education wing should be completed by Thanksgiving.

Duane Johnson
Clerk of Session



November Birthdays

- 1 Becky Stanley
- 3 Ben Miller
- 4 Judi Johnson
- 5 Jim Emme
- 8 Glenn Walker
Carolyn George
- 9 Andy Honker
- 14 Susan Kincaid
- 16 Jack Presseau
Ron Dalrymple
Emily Stanley
- 18 John Crawford
- 19 Millie Tolleson
Pat Penn
- 20 Kathleen Ohle
- 21 Robert Kitts
- 22 Sharon McCullough
- 24 Kathi Bivens
- 26 Iona Hubbard
- 29 Claire Lux





TRINITY PRESCHOOL NEWS

At the preschool, we are so thankful for the continued support from the church and its members! We have some new playground equipment that has been a big hit thanks to Ed Spencer and Enrique Sanchez. The classrooms also have new dehumidifiers which are making a big difference. We are also very thankful to our volunteers who come and read with us and lend a helping hand!

Book Group

December 6



Trinity Book Group has selected The Mountain School for Dogs: And Other Second Chances by Ellen Cooney. This is the heart-warming story of two women and a whole pack of rescue dogs at a training school and radical rescue center called the Sanctuary. Not just a place where humans save dogs, but where dogs save humans. We will not meet in November. Please join us for light refreshments and lively conversation on Thursday, December 6 at 1:30 pm.



TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

You're Invited to Try a Circle

If you are not currently in a Circle (or you want to be in two), it's not too late to visit one of our circles to see if it's a good fit for you. You can call first, or just show up, either way, you will be welcomed!

Deborah

Meets Wednesdays November 28 and December 12 at 6:00 PM in the Lounge (2019 dates TBA).
The Moderator is Judi Weeter (595-9354).

Esther

Meets 2nd Wednesdays at 9:45 in the Trinity Room.
The Co-Moderators are Pamela Campbell (513-1464) and Chris Becker (607-437-6000).

Naomi

Meets 3rd Tuesdays at 10:00 in the Trinity Room.
Moderators are Nancy Kisner (692-9170) and Sarah Thibodeau (698-8679).

Rebekah

Meets 2nd Mondays at 12:30 in the Trinity Room.
The Co-Moderators are Jane Presseau (698-4317) and Cheryl Spencer (749-4924)

Trinity PW's annual Christmas Tea will be December 13 at 2:00 PM

Mark your calendars now for our delicious tea with sweets, savories and great Christmas music... and this year
(in response to popular demand – and about time too!!)
Everyone's invited – women and men.

Financial Update: SEPTEMBER YTD

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Income	\$406,895	\$398,506	\$ 8,389
Expense	<u>\$406,934</u>	<u>\$421,049</u>	<u>\$ 14,115</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) \$ (39)		\$(22,543)	\$ 22,504

- Through 75% of the year, we have received 72% of budgeted Estimates of Giving (EOGs). We are now behind about \$21,000 in EOG donations compared to this time in 2017. Giving statements that were not been picked up have been mailed. Please notify Fitz of any discrepancies.
- Plate and unpledged donations are \$7100 over budget, likely due to new members who did not submit an EOG upon joining.
- Most ministries remain under budget in their spending so far this year, especially Buildings & Grounds, Personnel (staff mileage), and Office Admin. The contract with AT&T has been renegotiated, resulting in lower phone bills going forward.
- Work continues on providing electronic giving options for members as well as automatic deposit for employees. More information will be available soon. Automatic payroll deposit for employees should be available by the end of the month.
- The annual TPS Yard Sale was again a resounding success due to the large number of dedicated volunteers and the leadership of the Walkers. Books are no longer part of the sale but Books For Good receipts are a huge impact on sales. Final numbers are not in yet but it looks like more than \$12,000 net of expenses will be raised---\$7000 for supporting their budget and \$5000 going to their scholarship fund.

Tom Karvonen, Finance/Stewardship Chair

TIME AND TALENT PROJECT UPDATE

Please complete and return your Time and Talent Survey — Last May the New Members Ministry sent all Trinity members and friends a Time and Talents Survey to fill out and return at the June Dedication Service or to the office. Many of you have done so, but many have not. Whether you are able to give of your time and talents now or not, we need you to fill out the form and return it because it is also being used to update your contact information!

Where we are with the Time and Talent Project – We are busy creating the data base and entering the information. At this point a skeleton data base has been completed and all the information for those who returned their forms has been entered.

When the data base has been refined a bit more and more surveys have been returned, we will generate lists for each ministry, committee, and activity chair and send them to you – meanwhile, please feel free to ask us to do a special one for you!

If you need a new form, you can pick up one in the office, or contact Diane Bowers (dbowers01@bellsouth.net or 674-8574) to email you a copy.

If you would like a list now of people who have expressed interest in your ministry or activity you can also contact Diane.

Dear Trinity Friends,

We are moving to New Albany, Indiana to be near our daughter and two of our grandchildren. This move is a mixed blessing for us. We have lived in Hendersonville and have been a member of Trinity for 13 years.

These years have been very happy and we can't express in words the love we have felt from you during our time at Trinity. You have given us much joy in the good times and such support when we have needed it. Both the staff and the members of Trinity have surrounded us with Christian love.

We will continue to worship and serve the Lord in a new church, but our hearts will always be full for having been a part of this wonderful church. Thank you for all that you have given us in big ways such as Jim's celebration after retiring as custodian and in the little ways such as a visit, note, card or just a word of encouragement.

Our new address is 137 Silvercrest Circle, New Albany, IN 47150 and our new email is olbuckeyejim@gmail.com. You can reach us by calling Jim's cell phone number 858 -513-3138. We hope to hear from you often.

God bless each and every one of you now and always.

In Christian love,
Pat and Jim Norris

SOLAR UPDATE



The solar energy up-date and pledge kickoff during the October 28 Learning Hour was a success! The presentation was educational, energetic and colorful, and those of you who attended asked some great questions.

Sixteen people turned in their pledge commitments that morning. Pledge brochures were mailed to those who were not able to attend the Learning Hour presentation.

November is proving to be a busy month. We will be reviewing bids from three solar companies as well as tracking the pledges that come in this month. By the end of November, we should know how many solar panels Trinity will be able to afford. That will determine how many roof sections we will be able to cover to care for creation by using the solar energy that God provides.

We will keep everyone informed on our progress. Please feel free to ask any core group member your questions. Our names are on the back of the yellow "Solar Panels for Trinity" brochure.

To all of you who have asked questions, attended meetings, learned along with us and have supported us in the six months since May, thank you for being part of Trinity's solar energy exploration!

Wednesday Night Live: November

All are invited to join us for the fall 2018 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:

- November 6** Anastasia Yarbrough, a.k.a. An Ya (of the Asheville Symphony), on Viola
- November 14** Thanksgiving dinner, followed by a holiday concert by Richard Shulman and Sidney Barnes

Happy Thanksgiving!

New Library Resources to Interest You

The library has purchased the following titles:

- Advent for Everyone: A Journey with the Apostles* (35/WRI) by N.T. Wright
- Blue Christmas: Devotions of Light. . .* (35/OUT) by Todd Outcalt
- Celebrating Abundance: Devotions for Advent* (35/BRU) by Walter Bruggermann
- A Faithful Farewell: Someone You Love Has Alzheimer's* (9/McE) by Marilyn McEntentyre
- The Forgotten Books of the Bible* (3/WIL) by Robert Williamson
- God Is Closer than You Think* (9/ORT) by John Ortberg
- Home by Another Way: A Christmas Story* (35/TAY) by Barbara Brown Taylor
- Making Faithful Decisions at the End of Life* (9/DUF) by Nancy J. Duff
- Making Sense of God: Finding God in the Modern World* (9/KEL) by Timothy Keller
- Our Connectional Church* (22/PAR) by Gradye Parsons
- Rise Up Shepherd: Advent Reflections . . .* (35/POW) by Luke Powery

Two new DVD series the library has purchased include the following titles:

- Biblical Wisdom Literature* (The Great Courses) 36 lessons on DVD and Course Guidebook (DVD/2/BIB)
- God Is Closer Than You Think* (DVD/9/ORT) by John Ortberg
- Includes participant's book and DVD

Jim and Pat Norris have donated the following titles:

- The Bible for Dummies* (2/DUM) by Jeffery Georg Logan & Michael Homan
- Don't Waste Your Life* (9/PIP) by John Piper
- James* (Life Change Series) by NavPress (4/JAM)
- The Oxford Companion to the Bible* (2/OXF) by Bruce M. Metzger & Michael Coogas
- St. Paul Verses St. Peter: A Tale of Two* (4/GOU) by Michael Goulder

Jane Presseau

Lectionary Readings

24th Sunday after Pentecost

November 4

Ruth 1:1-18; Ps. 146; Heb. 9:11-14;
Mark 12:28-34

25th Sunday after Pentecost

November 11

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17; Ps. 127; Heb. 9:24-28;
Mark 12:38-44

26th Sunday after Pentecost

November 18

1 Sam. 1:4-20; 1 Sam. 2:1-10; Heb. 10:11-14
(15-18), 19-25; Mark 13:1-8

Christ the King Sunday

November 25

2 Sam. 23:1-7; Ps. 132:1-12 (13-18);
Rev. 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

Preaching Schedule for November 2018

November 4—Mark Stanley
November 11—Mark Stanley
November 18—Mark Stanley
November 25—Dwight Christenbury

In Memoriam

Bill Garrison

Raised to the Church Triumphant

PFLAG invites you to a meeting at Trinity Presbyterian Church November 12 at 7:00 pm to explore how faith communities can be more welcoming to transgender folks. A panel of faith group leaders will lead the discussion.

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.

November 4

Jack Caylor, Bonnie Godsey, Charles Keefer, Bob and Sally Kitts

November 11

Kristine Caylor, Don and Judy Groff, Ben Keefer, Emil and Doris Klimach

November 18

John and Donna Crawford, Franklin and Holly Keel and Jamie, Jim and Bev Luzadder

November 25

Barbara Goodman, Harry and Katie Hankla, Sandy Kehoe, Kathy Madigan



November 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 9:30 Spanish Class 10:00 Study of Luke 4:00 Tai Chi	2	3 3:00 Swing Band 
4 Communion 8:30 Worship Service 9:45 Learning Hour 11:00 Worship Service 12:00 Trinity 30	5 1:00 PW Coordinating Team 4:00 Tai Chi	6 9:00 Staff Mtg. 10:00 New Member Subcommittee 10:00 Coffee/Issues 4:00 Global Missions	7 10:30 Friends in Christ 4:00 Finance/Stewardship 5:30 WNL Meal 6:30 WNL Program 7:30 Choir	8 9:30 Spanish Class 4:00 Tai Chi	9	10
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**November
2018**



*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
his love endures forever.*

I Chronicles 16:34

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.***