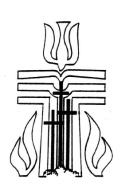
Trinity Presbyterian Church

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PASTOR'S NOTE



"Spiritual Exercise"

Lent is upon us! Starting with "Ash Wednesday," March 6th, and continuing until Easter, we are all encouraged to be in a state of heightened spiritual awareness. To aid this goal, Dwight and I are going to team up for a series of sermons geared towards helping us all to implement and follow some spiritual practices. (Some get a kick out of calling them, "disciplines.") We are going to be using some of the activities that Barbara Brown Taylor recommends in her wonderful book, *An Altar in the World.* We will be considering the following disciplines/practices for adoption into our own lives. These include: 1) Getting Lost; 2) Being Grounded; 3) Physical Labor; 4) Saying "NO;" 5) Pronouncing Blessing; 6) (Maundy Thursday)- Feeling Pain and 7) (Easter Sunday)- Starting Over.

The idea is to ADD to your spiritual life, rather than subtracting from it. We won't be taking things away, though if it makes you feel better to suffer a bit... by all means, subtract chocolate or coffee from your life. Looking forward to joining with you in this approach to our Lenten journey!

Grace and Peace, Mark

The Sun, Solar Panels, and Us

Our solar panel layout needed adjustments due to clearances required by the fire department. Sugar Hollow is preparing final drawings and submitting them to Henderson County for approval. Once approved, Sugar Hollow can order the materials.

Meanwhile, the constant rain keeps delaying the re-roofing of our Christian Education wing. This must be done prior to installation of the solar panels. Watch the CE roof and you'll know when this happens.

People who pledged to donate funds in 4th quarter 2018 and 1st quarter 2019 are encouraged to make their donations by mid-March, if possible. Thanks to the many of you who have already done so!

Note from the Associate Pastor



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It's March, when we welcome Daylight Saving Time (Sunday, March 10) and the beginning of spring (March 20). In the Christian calendar, March 2019 also holds the beginning of the season of Lent, in which we Christians pause to reflect on our relationship with God. At Trinity, we offer a variety of ways to help you along in your Lenten journey:

- Ash Wednesday Service, March 6, 5:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, inviting us to consider the weighty topics of sin, mortality, and our standing before God. (*Note that no dinner will be served on Ash Wednesday; we will gather in the sanctuary for worship at 5:30.*)
- Awakening to God's Beauty: A Lenten Invitation to Pray with Art. Our 2019 Lenten devotional guide comes from Presbyterians Today magazine. Awakening to God's Beauty is a daily guide for individual prayer and worship that invites us "to see the beauty and promises of God that lie beyond hopelessness, despair, and decay." Copies (one per household) are available at the church (if you cannot make it to the church but would like a copy, please call the office at 692-6114).

Peter Hobbie, *Science and Religion*. This Lent will also feature a four-part Ohmann Lecture Series by Peter Hobbie, a longtime friend of Trinity Church (Sundays, March 17 through April 7, 9:45 a.m.). Dr. Hobbie will lead us to reflect on our place in the cosmos through an examination of the relationship between faith and science.

We hope you'll take advantage of these opportunities to stretch your faith in this holy season.

With you on the journey,

Dwight

NEW TRINITY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS DIRECTORY

In mid-February an updated Trinity Members and Friends Directory, dated February 2019, was emailed to all members and friends for whom we have email addresses.

- If you don't have email, or for any other reason, need a hard copy printed for you, call Katie Cilluffo in the Trinity office to make arrangements.
- If you do have email and didn't receive yours, contact Diane Bowers (dbowers01@bellsouth.net, 674-8574)) and she will email you another copy.
- If your entry is incorrect, incomplete or you want a different picture in the next edition, contact Diane.



SESSION NOTES

The Session held its regular meeting on February 12, 2019. Tom Karvonen opened the meeting with a prayer and a devotional, reminding us of everyone's unique qualities, and how important it can be to be part of a nurturing family that accepts you for who you are. He then emphasized that family is a place where there are people who love you, and that applies to Trinity.

Rev. Dr. Mark Stanley noted that Katie Cilluffo has started her position as our new administrative assistant, and that Bettye Young has been a wonderful help in training her.

Rev. Dwight Christenbury noted that Blake Wright would be attending Triennium this year; Dwight will be joining him as an adult advisor.

Session approved the formation of an ad-hoc committee to evaluate the procedures surrounding our congregational meetings. The committee is to include Rev. Mark Stanley, Kathryn Forsythe, Tom Karvonen, Dick Bobb, Enrique Sanchez, and Larry Wojcik. Questions and ideas are welcome.

The Worship Ministry proposed holding a single 10am Sunday service schedule for 2019 from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend, and Session approved this proposal. Also at the request of the Worship Ministry, Session approved the purchase of the Words Only projection edition of Glory to God to legitimize our projecting hymn texts during worship.

At the recommendation of the Finance Ministry, Session approved a love gift for Bettye in recognition of her many years of service to Trinity, including offering the congregation the opportunity to participate in the gift.

Jim Smelker noted that Stewardship and Finance met to discuss the request for yearround stewardship; they had a discussion and brainstorming session, which resulted in many ideas. Part of this will require an expansion of the Stewardship team.

The Local Mission Ministry recommended, and Session approved, joining with the Hendersonville Faith community to sponsor a LGBT commemoration for the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall riots on June 15, 2019.

Session approved the use of the sanctuary on March 30 by the 3rd annual Joy of Jazz Clinic and Festival and on April 4 by the Music Academy, and quarterly use of the Fireside Room by Sue Osterberg's Embroidery Guild.

Dwight Christenbury noted that the previously planned local mission service day on April 28, will not be possible. Local Mission supports encouraging people to participate in service in the community, but we will rethink what and how we put that into action.

Before Dwight closed with prayer, Mark was pleased to note that this was the fastest Tuesday Session meeting which he has moderated.

Peace be with you, Kathryn Forsythe Clerk of Session

March Birthdays

Sarah Thibodeau

- 2 Kathie Van Itallie
- 4 Jane Presseau
- Sandi Russell
- 7 Alice Cooper
- Nancy Yost Ed Lockwood
 - Dianne Purnell
 - 10 Eleanor Beardsley Russell Hubbard
 - 11 Kristine Caylor

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Dean Christenbury

- 13 Albert Sharke **Enrique Sanchez**
- 14 Mary Louise Forsythe
- 20 Carol Steele
- 21 Pat Welty
- 22 Archer Keefer
- 26 Tillie Zigovsky
- 28 Mary Bradberry





Sunday mornings, 9:45–10:45

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

FOR ADULTS

March 3 and 10

"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

March 17, 24, 31, and April 7

Ohmann Lecture Series: Peter Hobbie on Science and Religion

Where do we stand as a Christian community on the relationship of science and religion, and what role do we play as Christians in the age of increasing scientific discovery? Is our faith a friend, foe, or just an acquaintance of science? Weekly topics include:

2/20/2019

- What is the relationship between science and religion?
- Astronomy: What is the relationship between science and religion in the understanding of our universe?
- Biology: What is the relationship between science and religion in the understanding of creation and humanity's role in nature?
- What are the religious implications of scientific advances in our own time?

Dr. Peter H. Hobbie is retired from Presbyterian College, Clinton, S.C., as the George and Emma Cornelson Professor of the Christian Religion, where he taught courses in the History of Christianity, World Religions, Christian Doctrine, and the African-American Religious experience.

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!

OUR GUATEMALA PARTNERSHIP

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



News from Fuente de Vida Iglesia

The first of February I was blessed to visit our partner church in Monterrey. Many thanks to God and to Trinity for allowing my visit. It was an exciting and uplifting visit. With the assignment in December of Humberto Rabinalez as the new pastor some changes have been made. Three young adults have been named to the Partnership and Scholarship Committees:

Adami Remirez Lopez, age 24 is the new chair of the committee. He has been a scholarship student for many years. After finishing basico (middle school) he studied on weekends and finished high school in one year. He is presently working in a factory, has 2 daughters: Madeline, age 4 and Victoria age 3.

Carlos Maldanado, age 21 is the treasurer of the Partnership Committee and president of the Youth Committee of the church. As a member of the community Carlos received a scholarship from the church and attended the university to study accounting. After working in a bank for a year Carlos quit due to the poor work environment. Under the guidance of the previous pastor, Samuel Merida, Carlos began helping the church and has recently begun teaching children's Sunday School. This year he is receiving a scholarship to attend Seminary.

Ruth Magali Martinez is the secretary of the partnership committee. She was also a scholarship recipient. Ruth is now married and has 3 children. She gives thanks to God for the opportunity to work on the committee, a position she had never dreamed of doing. She said she always keeps Trinity in her prayers. Although Ruth did not give her age she seems to be in her early 20's.

While this is a young committee, Pastor Rabinalez believes they have the educational gifts to do the job well and asks that Trinity is patient as they grow in maturity. While the committee expressed nervousness in their new positions they are asking questions, listening to elders, and working very hard to do a good job in these positions God has called them to do. There is much excitement to build a stronger church and to be in good communication with Trinity. It is hoped that a Facebook page will be set up through which Joys and concerns of both churches can be shared.

Miriam, my translator, and I stayed in the home of Eva Lopez who visited Trinity in 2006. Her home has been remodeled through money that has been sent to her by her son who is living in the US. She was very happy and felt quite honored to be able to host us in her home and welcomes future members of Trinity to visit her.

In a talk with Miriam she told me that she had been diagnosed with stage III cervical cancer. For many years Miriam worked for Living Waters and traveled throughout the country. They encourage her to open a "Go Fund Me" account to help raise money for her much needed cancer treatment. She does not have insurance and has only a limited amount of resources. Several years ago Miriam was hit by an automobile while walking and had seriously broken legs. She was brought to Houston for surgery and a lengthy recovery. At that time a "Go Fund Me" account was also made. If you would like to help Miriam with her expenses please go to: https://www.gofundme.com/miriam-mazariegos

A visit was made to the home of Jennifer Cordero a past scholarship student who lives with her elderly grand-mother, Eusebia Garcia. Eusebia has recently joined the church and was given a prayer shawl made by women of Trinity. The second family I was able to visit was that of Samuel Estrada. He and his wife lost 3 son's in 2018 and are now raising 3 grandchildren. One is Antonio, who dropped out of school due to the death of his father and depression. Samuel has returned to the church after about a 2 year absence due to some past disagreements. He has been welcomed back and is enjoying playing the guitar for the church again.

Please keep the above individuals and all at Fuente de Vida in prayer. Watch for more news to come in April Tidings and a planned program during the Learning Hour in April.

ALUMINUM CANS ONLY



Recycle Aluminum Cans for Guatemala Children's Scholarships 1st 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!

Wednesday Night Live: March

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 (please note that dinner menus are subject to change):

March 13 Peggy Ratusz, a friend of Trinity and a well-established presence on the Western

North Carolina music scene, bringing a mix of Blues, Jazz, Soul, and R&B

Menu: ham

au gratin potatoes

salad bar cornbread

cheesecake with cherry topping

March 27 Diane and Jim Smelker, Africa Travelogue

Menu: Italian meatballs

pasta with marinara sauce

salad bar garlic bread

carrot cake with cream cheese frosting

For dinner reservations, please sign up at the church (bulletin board in the narthex) or call the church office (828 692-6114) at least two days in advance. If you can't come for dinner but would like to attend the program, no signup is necessary—just come on out, and bring a friend!

LINENS FOR LENT

During this season of Lent, some of the Trinity Church family are choosing to volunteer and give to their needy neighbors instead of giving up something they enjoy.

LINENS FOR LENT was begun in 2018 by a small group of Trinity members who meet each Tuesday in a local coffee venue for friendship and reflection. During this time of self-examination and reflection in preparation for Easter, it was suggested that we need to give to the needy instead of giving up something, so a new outreach was born. Trinity members and friends brought both new and gently used but clean linens which were donated to Interfaith Assistance Ministry for the clients they serve. This was such a meaningful outreach that it is being done again this year beginning March 6 and going through April 20. The linens needed are towels, wash cloths, sheets, pillow cases, pillows and blankets. They will be taken weekly by Church members to IAM where they are always greatly needed. IAM is one of the missions which Trinity supports annually.

Anyone wishing to participate is invited to place these items in the green tubs in the Narthex which are marked LINENS FOR LENT. Clean out your linen closet or go shopping for linens and we will all be expressing love for our neighbors in giving of ourselves and our possessions.



Trinity Book Group will meet on March 28 at 1:30 pm in the Trinity Room. Our book selection is a biographical novel of Anne Morrow's troubled marriage to pioneering aviator Charles Lindbergh titled *The Aviator's Wife* written by Melanie Benjamin. Please join us for light refreshments and lively discussion.



TRINITY PRESCHOOL NEWS

Spring is in the air! The staff and students are hoping for warm days with plenty of sun so we can play outside! We are busy practicing for our spring performance which will be on March 31st at the 11 0'clock service. The children are excited to show what they have learned. They have all grown so much and made such wonderful progress!

We have begun registration for the 2019-2020 school year. Please tell all your friends and neighbors about us! We have found word-of-mouth advertising to be very effective! Our numbers continue to grow, and we have several new students registered for the fall already.

Thank you for your continued support! We really appreciate the volunteers who come to read to children on their birthdays. Thank you, also, to those who have linked their Ingles or Harris Teeter cards to TPS, and to those who have helped with our holiday parties. This congregation supports TPS in so many ways, both directly and indirectly, that it would be hard to list them all! Please know that we are deeply appreciative for all that you do and feel blessed to be part of such a wonderful church.





Thank you so much for all your prayers, phone calls, flowers, meals, visits, and cards. They are all greatly appreciated. I am so honored to be a member of such a great church family.

Dolly Owens and family

FINANCE REPORT

Several years ago, we provided the congregation with information on several of our funds. The Finance and Stewardship Ministry decided to update this information and provide it again, especially in light of the number of new members we have. We are beginning with the Gladys Bailey Fund. Please direct any questions to Tom Karvonen.

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH DEDICATED FUNDS GLADYS BAILEY OPERATING RESERVE FUND

BACKGROUND

In May and June of 2010, Trinity received disbursements from the Gladys Bailey estate totaling \$207,730. The bequest was to be used for future shortfalls in the Operating Fund at the discretion of the Session. Due to a pending cash shortfall in 2010, \$24,000 was left in our checking account, while another \$24,000 was placed in our money market account at First Citizens Bank for quick access in times of need.

In July 2010, the Endowment Committee and the Session agreed to place \$20,000 of the donation in a Restricted Endowment account with the associated interest earmarked for Local Mission work. The remaining funds (\$139,800) were invested at the Presbyterian Foundation---half in the New Covenant Growth Fund and half in the New Covenant Balanced Income Fund.

After the initial deposit of \$24,000 in checking, disbursements from the invested funds to supplement Operations have been:

2010: \$47,937 2011: \$36,375

2012-13: None—surpluses returned to the fund

2014: \$4,500 2015: \$11,044

2016-2017 None---surpluses returned to the fund

2018: \$5,484

INVESTMENT MIX

As noted above, the original decision was to divide the New Covenant fund investments equally between their Growth and Balanced Income funds. A few years later, Session agreed to move the funds to the Balanced Growth Fund—60% stock and 40% bonds. In early 2018, we moved the mix to 50% stock and 50% bonds to be a little more conservative in light of market conditions.

Current balances (as of 1/31/19):

New Covenant Funds \$201,616 Money Market \$6,489



MICROLOAN DELEGATION TRIP TO GUATEMALA

Trinity's Mary Louise Forsythe and seven other area PCUSA women were in Guatemala in February to broaden their understanding of the Guatemala Partnership, with a primary focus on learning about the Microloan Project and meeting other recipients. Please keep these women in your prayers as they continue supporting the program.

From left: Amanda Martin (Burnsville), Terri Hendrix (Tryon), Susan Maveety (New Hope), Mimi Michael (Newton),



News From Presbyterian Women

Snowed out of our Christmas Gathering, Presbyterian Women ran our first ever electronic election. In an email vote we elected our new officers for the 2019/2020 program year. The new officers will begin their two year terms on May 16 when they will be installed at the Spring Gathering. Congratulations to:

Moderator, Bev Luzadder Vice Moderator, Diane Smelker Mission Facilitator, Barbara Engle Secretary, Helen Dearborn Spiritual Nurture Facilitator, Kathy Madigan Historian, Billie Hicklin

Esther Co-Mod., Diane Bowers Deborah Co-Mod., Nancy Sheffield

We also passed our 2019 budget which includes over \$7000.00 of mission giving to local and international organizations serving women and children.

DEBORAH CIRCLE HAS CHANGED THEIR MEETING TIME! Deborah Circle will now be meeting on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:00PM in the lounge (at least they'll be in the lounge as long as they fit – Deborah Circle is growing!!). They have also just started a new study book, "God Is Closer Than You Think" by John Ortberg.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

PW's Spring Gathering will be a noon luncheon on Thursday, May 16. This year we have a really exciting program planned; nationally known (and Trinity's own) needleworker, Sue Osterberg, will be our presenter.

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Lectionary Readings

Transfiguration of the Lord

First Sunday in Lent

Second Sunday in Lent

March 3

March 10

March 17

Exod. 34:29-35; Ps. 99; 2 Cor. 3:12-

42; Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)

Deut. 26:1-11; Ps. 91:1-2, 9-16; Rom. 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13

Gen. 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps. 27; Phil. 3:17-

4:1; Luke 13:31-35

Third Sunday in Lent

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 24

March 31

Isa. 55:1-9; Ps. 63:1-8; 1 Cor. 10:1-13;

Luke 13:1-9

Josh. 5:9-12; Ps. 32; 2 Cor. 5:16-21;

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

In Memoriam

Fred Van Itallie

Raised to the Church Triumphant

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.

March 3 Sandi Russell, Carl and Sue Schreck, Nancy Underwood, Anne Stoneman

March 10 Phil and Julia Sellers, Evans and Sarah Thibodeau, Barbara Swidler, June Stoll

March 17 Nugent Sharp, Rob and Jocelyn Tolleson, James Tolleson, Millie Tolleson, Liston and Karen Smith

March 24 Jeffrey and Nancy Sheffield, Nancy Twitchen, Jorja Ursin, Bob and Cindy Stanfield

March 31 Lorrie Shelly, Jim and Ginny Vallar, Bob and Gloria Smith, Eric and Lisa Wylde

March Preaching Schedule

March 3—Mark Stanley

March 6, 5:30 p.m.—Ash Wednesday Service

March 10 (Daylight Saving Time begins)—Mark Stanley

March 17—Dwight Christenbury

March 24—Mark Stanley



March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Communion 8:30 Worship Service 9:45 Learning Hour 11:00 Worship Service 12:00 Trinity 30	4:00 PW Coordinating Team 4:00 Tai Chi	5 9:00 Staff Mtg. 10:00 New Member Subcommittee 10:00 Coffee/Issues	6 *Ash Wednesday 10:30 Friends in Christ 3:00 Stewardship 4:00 Finance/ Stewardship 4:00 Global Min. 5:30 *A W Service 7:30 Choir	7 9:30 Spanish Class 10:00 Study of Luke 10:00 New Member Ministry 4:00 Tai Chi	8	9 2:00 Memorial Service for Fred Van Itallie
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March 2019





...You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself. Luke 10:27

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.