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There is truth in the old axiom, "April showers bring May flowers." The month of May is indeed filled with abundant opportunities for beauty. Different cultures may have different of ways of describing it, but beauty is generally defined as that which brings joy, satisfaction, and meaning to life. The appreciation of beauty is an essential component of what it means to be fully alive and is a necessary quality for a healthy human spirit.

Thomas Moore, in his classic book Care of the Soul, asserts that beauty is critical for the well-being of the soul. He writes, "The soul craves beauty as the lungs crave oxygen." He goes on to say that if we lack beauty in our lives, we will suffer from "beauty deficiency" which often surfaces through such familiar disturbances as anxiety, agitation, worthlessness, and depression. He once suggested to a colleague who was struggling with a decision, "Why don't you go take a hike? I mean that literally. Sometimes a tree can teach you more than a book."

Ideas of beauty and spirituality have always been intertwined. More than a one-dimensional focus on physical beauty, the spirituality of beauty can even heal.

From Ignatian spirituality, we get the story of two friends who were walking down the road one evening and, after a while, they began to argue. As they went along, they shouted at one another, each trying to impose their view upon the other. Suddenly, one of them caught sight of the setting sun and pointed it out to their friend. Immediately the two of them ceased their arguing. They stood side by side in silence, gazing in wonder and awe at the beauty of the sunset. When the sun had slipped beneath the horizon, the two friends started on their way again. Only now, having forgotten what they had been arguing about, they walked together cheerfully, and at peace with one another.

This story reminds us that sharing an experience of beauty has the power to reconcile and restore relationships. Unfortunately, this healing power is not always recognized in our fast-paced, individualistic society. Beauty is a gift of the Spirit that nourishes and heals our souls. If we were to look for beauty each and every day, in each and every person, think of how much more pleasant the journey would be.

As you go through this month of May, be on the lookout for beauty in small and surprising places. The dandelion in the crevice of the sidewalk, the smile on the face of a passerby, even the song heard overhead while shopping, can all be windows through which beauty shines. It is true, in a very real sense, that the more beauty we perceive, the more beauty we project. And then, what a beautiful world this will be!

Celebrating the beauty of life,







note from the associate pastor...

As some of you are aware, I will be making a journey to Israel-Palestine this month (May 18–27). I will be part of a trip sponsored by NEXT Church, a network of church leaders, lay and clergy, that seeks to strengthen the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) through building relationships and sharing ideas and best practices. The trip, which will be led by Bob Henderson, pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church, Charlotte; Tony Sundermeier, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Atlanta; and Jessica Tate, director of NEXT Church, has the following stated purpose:

- By "walking where Jesus walked," gain greater biblical insights for preaching and teaching.
- By meeting with a broad array of Israeli and Palestinian NGO leaders, gain insight into one of our world's most vexing struggles for peace and justice.
- By meeting Christian, Jewish, and Muslim leaders, explore possible future mission partnerships.
- By traveling together, PCUSA minister and elders will forge bonds of friendship and support for years to come.
- By hearing from disparate opinions and perspectives, gain the capacity to draw informed and fair conclusions regarding present and future realities in the Holy Land.

The statement concludes, "The tone of this trip is intended to be one appreciative inquiry—not to endorse or defend any specific position, but to hear a variety of perspectives. The posture of leaders and participants on this trip will be to enter in to the various spaces as a guest, to listen and learn."



Above: The Western Wall, below: the Sea of Galilee



I'm grateful to you for your support: your encouragement, your prayers, and financial support (my expenses have been financed partly by continuing education funds and a grant from the Christian Nurture Ministry). I look forward to sharing my experiences and learning from this pilgrimage with you. Grace and peace,

STORIES OF PROMISE, HOPE, from this pilgrimage with you. Grace and peace, AND STRUGGLE IN THE HOLY LAND: - DWIGHT A PILGRIMAGE OF LEARNING, LAUGHTER, AND TEARS



session notes

The Session held its regular meeting on April 9, 2019. Kathryn Forsythe opened the meeting by sharing a excerpt from Instruments of Thy Peace by Alan Paton, and then leading us in an opening prayer.

We noted the communications to Session, including a retirement announcement from Bobbi White, General Presbyter, and an email from Linda Walker.

Rev. Dwight Christenbury shared his report, and mentioned that he also attended a Mental Health First Aid training day focused on children and youth held by Henderson County Schools

Rev. Mark Stanley shared his report, and mentioned that he has also been working with a group in the community planning events around the 50th anniversary of Stonewall, and that he will be working on the 11th annual Easter sunrise service with other churches in the community.

We held a discussion about the size of the bulletin, and about ensuring space for the Ministries to share information about the life of the church.

Local Mission proposed, and Session approved, becoming a supporter of TrueRidge, helping families of deported persons.

Jock Aplin presented the report of the LGBTQ Network Selection Task Force on considering affiliation with More Light; Session accepted the report with gratitude, charging the task force to come up with an education and implementation plan.

For the Preschool, Ron Howard noted that Preschool Fun Day will be May 21, Preschool Graduation is May 24, and the Preschool Mother Day's Tea is May 10.

Session approved the requested sabbatical from June 8 to September 3 for Rev. Mark Stanley. Mark plans to pursue three goals, to engage in concentrated reading and study of the book of Psalms, to learn how to practice intentional meditation and to practice it as a path to greater insight and health, and to challenge himself to follow a renewed physical fitness program with the goal of becoming further energized for his continued service with Trinity.

Global Mission proposed, and Session approved, collecting shoes in support of the Church of Christ's Honduras Microloan Ministry

Several items for Building Use were approved, including a Swing Band Concert for Civitan on November 2, a meeting for Creation Care Alliance/Mountain True - May 14, and the Music Academy on December 14.

Session elected Mark Slaughter as Commissioner to the April Presbytery meeting.

Rev. Dwight Christenbury closed our Session meeting with prayer.

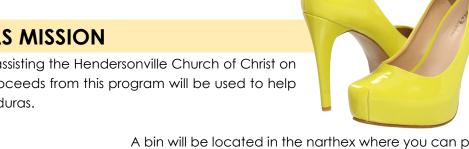
Peace be with you,

- KATHRYN FORSYTHE

Clerk of Session



During the month of May, Trinity will be assisting the Hendersonville Church of Christ on Haywood Road in a Shoe Drive. The proceeds from this program will be used to help support micro-enterprise vendors in Honduras.





A bin will be located in the narthex where you can place donated gently worn and new shoes. All types and sizes of shoes are acceptable. Please join in this cooperative program with our neighbor church.

This program is being sponsored by Trinity's Global Mission Ministry.

- DUANE JOHNSON

the learning hour

sundays @ 9:45

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



FOR ADULTS

Issues & Concerns - Room 207

Contemporary topics in church and society

<u>Lectionary Class</u> - Trinity Room

Lectionary-based Bible study

Hashing It Out - Lounge

Bible study and community for young adults

FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

<u>Preschool</u> - Room 203 (adjacent to the Nursery)
 meets 10:15–10:45

• Primary - Room 103 (lower level)

Grades K-4

<u>Tweens and Youth - Room 101</u> (lower level)

Grades 5 and up

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

Special Note: Our summer Sunday schedule begins on May 26, the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend, which means that Learning Hour classes will run from 9:00 to 9:45.

new library

The library purchased the title,

• Eve Got a Bad Rap: What Lies Have You Believed? (32/RED) by I. M. Redeemed.

This book is the true story of a poor young mother who was abused by an angry and controlling husband and how she survived and thrived with help from individuals and groups.

James Tolleson has donated the title,

 Braving the Wilderness: The Quest for True Belonging and the Courage to Stand Alone ((6/BRO) by Brene Brown.

resources...

Jack Presseau donated the following titles:

- Graying Gracefully: Preaching to Older Adults (14/CAR) by William J. Carl. Jr.
- Stumbling on Happiness (7/GIL) by Daniel Gilbert.
- With Faces to the Evening Sun: Faith Stories in the Nursing Home (10/MOR) by Richard L. Morgan.

Jane Presseau donated the title, Love Does: Discover a Secretly Incredible Life in our Ordinary World (9/GOF) by Bob Goff.

Vecteezy.com - JANE PRESSEAU



Trinity Presbyterian Church invites you to attend an Inquirer Class to meet with the Rev. Dr. Mark Stanley and learn about worship and the work of Trinity. "This is a great chance to ask questions, get answers, and make new friends," Stanley says. "You will even learn the meaning of Presbyterian. Come as you are and invite a friend. All are welcomed."

If you have been wondering about the answer to any of these questions, or if you just want to know more about Trinity, please join Mark Stanley at 9:45 on Sunday morning, May 12. This class is open to church members, visitors, and friends and neighbors in the community. No cost and no registration required.

Contact: Sandy Weeks, 828-551-0711, kennesanrn@aol.com

Summer at Trinity



9:00—9:45 a.m. LEARNING HOUR

10:00 a.m. WORSHIP

Please make note of this schedule for May 26 through Sept. 1, 2019, and tell a friend!

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Annual Preschool Yard Sale

Please mark your calendars for this year's sale on September 27-28.

The <u>box car</u> will be open for contributions on the first Sunday of the month, beginning on May 5th. <u>Hours for May 5th are 9:30-10:45 and 12:00-12:30</u>. If there are special circumstances such as people having to vacate their house by a certain date later in the months that follow, contact Tom Karvonen, or Harry Hankla to arrange pickups at a different day or contact Ron Howard if you are able to drop off materials. Thank you!

- TOM KARVONEN

Preschool News

Spring is in full swing! The children are having fun exploring the changes in nature. The warmer weather has been great, and they are enjoying playing outside. We enjoyed an Easter egg hunt last month, and are looking forward to Fun Day on May 21st and graduation on May 24th. We have had a wonderful year and are continuing to enroll new students for the fall. Thank you to everyone for your help and support! We would also like to say a special thank you to the TPS Board members. The guidance you provide is much appreciated! We are looking forward to another wonderful year!



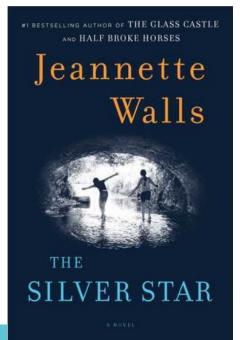


Trinity Book Group

Trinity Book Group will discuss *The Silver Star* by Jeanette Walls at our May 23 meeting in the Trinity Room at 1:30 pm. This award winning novel is a tale about two sisters dealing with a mother who puts her wish for fame and fortune above her family. Themes explored include family relationships, abandonment, financial struggle and coming-of-age. Jeanette Walls also wrote *The Glass Castle*. Please join us for lively discussion and light refreshments.



- CINDY STANFIELD





Finance Update

- Through March we are \$667 above budget in income and \$6841 above budget in expense so we are a net \$6174 negative to our budget estimates.
- Through March (25% of our year) we have received 29% of our budgeted pledges.
- Expenses in the areas of natural gas, mulch, and electrical maintenance have exceeded budget. Some may be timing matters vs budget.
- Our preschool is doing well so far this year vs. budget.
- After paying for our new roof and carpet in a couple rooms, our Capital, Long Range Maintenance, and Buildings & Grounds endowment earnings account for projects now have a combined balance of \$21,000.

- TOM KARVONEN

Request: The number of donations coming in from member investment accounts is increasing. Our Finance Staff would appreciate receiving a heads-up when such donations will be coming into our account. Some companies do not indicate who the donor is, making it difficult for us to make sure it is booked against the correct pledge. For investment sales through Chuck Noegel at Wells Fargo, please advise Glenn Walker and Fitz Sthreshley. For donations coming in the form of a check or ACH transfer directly into Trinity's bank account, please advise Fitz and Tom Karvonen. Many thanks!

70½ or Beyond? Have an IRA?

Here is a Giving Opportunity Unique to You

Federal government action has made IRA Charitable Rollovers a permanent part of the tax code. As such, individuals who are ages 70½ or older may make donations from their IRAs (by their IRA trustee) directly to Trinity Presbyterian Church without having to count the distribution as taxable income. This donation would be classified as a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD).

A part, or all, of this donation can count toward your IRA Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). There are specific legal requirements that must be met.

One of the significant changes in the tax code beginning this year makes it more difficult to itemize deductions. This will make the QCDs more popular by not having to include them in taxable income.

For assistance in giving, please contact either Glenn Walker (<u>g_lwalker@bellsouth.net</u>; 891-2486), or Tom Karvonen (karvonens@bellsouth.net; 890-5091).

Always consult your own financial and tax advisors before making any gift that has tax implications. State law, particularly in North Carolina, does not always treat Qualified Charitable Distributions in the way the Federal Government does.

Trinity Co-ed Bridge Groups

The next 4-month schedule of TPC bridge groups beginning with May is in the process of being set up. If you are interested in joining this "not-too-serious" bridge group as either a regular or substitute, please call Myrl Jean Hughes at 891-5556 or Carolyn George at 388-1108 as soon as possible. Singles and Couples are welcome and needed.

- Myrl Tean Hughes

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presbyterian women trinity

We invite you to our **Spring Birthday Luncheon** Thursday May 16 at noon

Enjoy a chicken salad, sweet potato rolls, and cheesecake luncheon, catered by Katie Hankla, Installation of our new officers, and a Needle Arts Program presented by Sue Osterberg.

Join with Presbyterian Women around the country in our birthday mission to give major grants to four organizations aiding victims of human trafficking, victims of natural disasters, children of differing abilities, and the sick and elderly.

The cost of the luncheon is \$12.00. Reservations can be made in the Narthex after both services on April 28, May 5, and May 12.



The three-year Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and festivals was produced by the ecumenical Consultation on Common Texts in 1992, and was included in the Presbyterian Book of Common Worship; it may also be found in the Presbyterian Planning Calendar and the online Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study. It provides scripture readings for proclamation in public worship, following the Sundays, festivals and seasons of the Christian year. The three-year lectionary cycle (Years A, B and C) focuses on different sections of Scripture each year, notably the Gospel of Matthew in Year A, Mark in Year B, and Luke in Year C (the fourth gospel, John, is prominently featured at certain times in each year).

Third Sunday of Easter—May 5

Acts 9:1–6 [7–20] Psalm 30 Revelation 5:11–14 John 21:1–19

Fourth Sunday of Easter—May 12

Acts 9:36–43 Psalm 23 Revelation 7:9–17 John 10:22–30

Fifth Sunday of Easter—May 19

Acts 11:1–18 Psalm 148 Revelation 21:1–6 John 13:31–35

Sixth Sunday of Easter—May 26

Acts 16:9–15 Psalm 67 Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5 John 14:23–29 or John 5:1–9

weekly prayer people

May 5: Audrey White, Dan & Coleen Musselwhite,

Josh Musselwhite, Eleanor Beardsley

MAY 12: John & Kristin Van Itallie, Steve & Pamela Campbell,

Effie Christiansen, Edie Clark

MAY 19: Eric Vining, Ginny Arkens, Donna Becker,

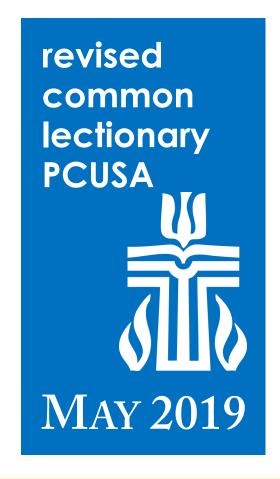
Gene & Linda Carlson

May 26: Kate Vining, Jock & Jan Aplin,

Kathi Bivens, Gene Carman

Ascension of the Lord—May 30

Acts 1:1–11 Psalm 47 or Psalm 93 Ephesians 1:15–23 Luke 24:44–53



MAY 5

MAY 12

MAY 19

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MAY 26

(Summer Worship Schedule Begins: 10:00 Service Only)

Mark Stanley

PREACHING SCHEDULE - MAY 2019



THANK YOU - I wish to thank all the people who participated in producing the "Living Last Supper" on Maundy Thursday. The actors were truly inspiring in their presentations. The set designers out-did themselves, the costumes were "just right" and the sound and prompting went very well. I am truly thankful to ALL of you.

- KATHIE VAN ITALLIE



Do you like working with kids? Have a flair for the dramatic? A musical ear? A fabulous cookie recipe you MUST share with the world? VOLUNTEERS of all shapes, sizes, ages, and abilities are needed to make our summer youth activities a BLAST! Please sign up in the Narthex and contact Edie Clark 828-606-2434 (Music & Drama Camp) or Dwight Christenbury 828-692-6114 (VBS) for details about how you can make a difference this summer at TRINITY!

Trinity's Annual Music & Drama Camp—June 17–23

Kids and youth are invited to develop and sharpen their gifts of acting, singing, and dancing in this intensive annual program. (see facing page)
Sign up at https://www.trinitypresnc.org/music-drama-camp

Vacation Bible School—June 24–27, 9:00–12:00 each day

This year's VBS theme is "Who Is My Neighbor?" Kids through grade 5 are invited to participate, and youth and adults are always welcomed as volunteers! Look for registration information later this month!

Sign up at https://gracehendersonville.com/community-vacation-bible-school





TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 2019 Music & Drama Camp presents od Kine ehoshaphat a children's musical that teaches the power of pray REHEARSALS: JUNE 17TH-21ST, 8:30AM-12:30PM Performances: June 22nd @ 11am & June 23rd @ 10am (DURING TRINITY'S SUNDAY SERVICE) call 828-595-2467 (DIANE) rising 2nd graders visit www.trinitypresnc.org register ONLINE OR PICK UP REGISTRATION FORM AT... 900 BLYTHE STREET, HENDERSONVILLE, I

created by Kathie Hill, with music by David Hampton & J.D. Miller, arr. Ron W. Griffin



Our Annual Easter Breakfast was a HUGE success thanks to Erika McGilley and the Fellowship team in the kitchen, Gene Carlson's setup, and the Origami Group's gorgeous tulip table decorations.

Meet Our Newest Members! as we extend a big welcome to Mary Beth and Jim VanCleve.



Solar Project Update: Our panels are INSTALLED!! On April 30th, Duke Energy disconnected the power coming into the church. Sugar Hollow did the final connections of the solar panel system into the grid. Early that afternoon we officially "passed inspection" of their work by Henderson County, and that afternoon, Duke restored power and everything was working perfectly. (Before you ask: not through the solar system yet...not so fast, more steps to come...). Our new meter is scheduled to be installed in the first week or two of May at which point, we will schedule a commissioning ceremony with Sugar Hollow turning on the power to our new system. Here comes the sun!



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5 - COMMUNION 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 1:30 Trinity Trekkers - Pisgah National Forest	6 1:00 Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team 2:15 Adult Guitar Class 4:00 Tai Chi	7 9:00 Staff Mtg. 10:00 New Members 10:00 Coffee Group 4:00 Stonewall Meeting 4:00 Global Missions	8 9:45 Esther Circle 10:30 Friends in Christ 11:00 Preschool Chapel 1:00 HSH Meeting 4:00 Finance Meeting 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	9 9:30 Spanish Class 10:00 Study of Luke 11:30 Clergy Lectionary 4:00 Tai Chi 6:30 Cub Scouts	10:00 Preschool Mother's Day Tea Party	11
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We are Christ's people and this is Christ's place with its doors wide open.

Welcome!

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May the Lord bless you keep you...

