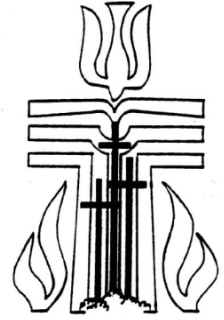


Trinity Presbyterian Church

Tidings



**October
2018**

PASTOR'S CORNER

Diverse Viewpoints

Back in the 1970's, my mother participated in an Adult Sunday School Class held each week at Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church in Fishersville, Va.. As a youthful observer, I generally had the impression that Mom thoroughly enjoyed the class and found it quite stimulating. It was composed of a group of about 20 participants who were from the "middle." Middle-class, middle-age, middle-income, and generally moderate in outlook. They were mostly well educated, certainly by Shenandoah Valley standards, and they prided themselves on their ability to effectively communicate their views on a variety of social and biblical matters. Responsibility for teaching the class was shared in a rotation amongst about a third of the class members. I noticed that Mom was fairly composed in her reaction to the class- EXCEPT, for the weeks when one particular person was the class leader. Following those classes, she would come home shaking her head and muttering. As teenagers who were always anxious to be exposed to the inner workings of the adult church world, my sister and I would listen carefully to her explanations. It seems that this one teacher always brought her class sessions, no matter how diverse or intense the discussions had been, to a conclusion by taking a deep breath, then spreading out her hands as if to smooth out the waves, and exclaiming, "Well, I think when you get right down to it, we are ALL saying the same thing!"

"No! No! No!" my Mom would exclaim, "we are NOT all saying the same thing!" We are not all thinking the same thing. We are NOT *all the same*. In my years at Trinity, I am often aware that we are not all saying the same thing. And that's a good thing! We are all different. We have a variety of viewpoints. Furthermore, the world is not going to come crashing down around us because of our diversity. Whether we are talking about quarterbacks who kneel, or Supreme Court nominees, or institutional racism, or sexism, or any of a (very) wide range of subjects, it is likely that even within the Church (especially within the Church?), we can expect to experience other thoughtful people with whom we disagree. Peter and Paul had some epic disagreements, and the Church ended up much stronger because of them.

I invite and encourage you to seek to strengthen your relationships with your church friends with whom you have disagreements. We can learn from one another and grow with one another- through the power of God's Spirit in Christ.

Shalom, Mark

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2018 "BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS"

A gift to the **Peace & Global Witness Offering** enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of the offering to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace. Mid councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness. Please give as generously as possible to this very special offering.

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Note from the Associate Pastor



This month, I turn my space over to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (pda.pcusa.org):

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) urges your support for those affected by Hurricane Florence. PDA is delivering immediate aid to those impacted by Hurricane Florence on the eastern seaboard of the United States. Current assessments suggest catastrophic destruction, but the full scope of the damage will still not be known for many months. While the winds and waters have meant loss and destruction, the work of PDA might become, as the Psalmist says, “a river whose streams make glad the city of God.”

PDA is deploying teams to affected presbyteries to meet with Presbyterian and community leadership to assist in coordinating relief efforts and mucking out homes and churches. After initial needs are addressed, PDA will remain—providing spiritual emotional care and Long Term Recovery to address unmet needs of those impacted. Through your prayerful gifts we draw hope out of the chaos.

The needs for the response will be great. God’s people are once again called on to stand in the “GAP”—Give. Act. Pray.

GIVE: Financial support for relief efforts can be designated to DR000194 which supports the church’s response to hurricanes and typhoons around the world. Gifts can be made online (pda.pcusa.org), by phone at (800) 872-3283, or by check, which can be made out to Trinity and designated for hurricane relief or mailed to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

ACT: Learn how you and your congregation can help families who have lost everything in the devastation. Stay informed and like us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter, download resources, and share updates with your congregation.

PRAY: Read the prayer by PDA director, Rev. Dr. Laurie Kraus, at <https://pda.pcusa.org/pda/resource/florence-prayer/>.

Peace,

Dwight



Trinity’s Learning Hour—October 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

Special Event: October 28. *The Solar Energy Research Group* presents an update on progress toward equipping Trinity with solar panels.

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)

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 September 11. The meeting was opened with a devotional prayer by Jim Smelker using the book Life Prayers.

The Session noted the passing of Jessie Ann Boterf on August 27.

Dwight presented a written report to Session describing his activities for the past month. Dwight highlighted the progress being made on the fire pit project. He also noted that in May 2019 he will be involved in a trip to the Holy Lands as part of a group organized by the NEXT Church program.

Mark also presented a written report, noting that he has resigned from the organization Corp Point in order to have more time for ministry work. Mark also shared some pastoral concerns with Session.

The Nominating Committee presented its Report for the Class of 2021 is as follows:

Elder

Judi Weeter
Ed Spencer
Kathryn Forsythe
Ron Howard
Jeffrey Sheffield

Deacon

Judy Woelke
Linda Dillon
Helen Dearborn
Emma Persigehl
Jane Presseau

Nominating Committee

Sally Kitts

Endowment Committee

Ray Dearborn

Session set Sunday, October 21 as the date for a Congregational Meeting to hear and act on the Report of the Nominating Committee.

Ed Spencer, reporting on behalf of Administration Ministry, described a plan to improve the coordination between the various aspects of Trinity communications efforts.

Jim Smelker, on behalf of Stewardship Ministry, presented the approach that will be used in this year's Stewardship Campaign. There will be some changes from the way it has been conducted for the past several years.

Finance Ministry reported that 2018 year to date net income is -\$8,288, which is \$4,617 positive to budget. However, total year to date giving through August is approximately \$33,000 less than the same period in 2017.

Duane Johnson
Clerk of Session



THANK YOU!

The Trinity Preschool Yard Sale was a wild success, thanks to you! Photos of the 70+ volunteers who carried, sorted, priced, sold and cleaned up the church in time for Sunday worship services are posted on Trinity's Facebook page. Check them out at Facebook.com/trinitypresnc. Thank you all so very much!

October Birthdays

- 2 Ginny Vallar
- 5 Jim Vallar
- 6 Suzanne Hewett
- 7 Gene Kirkley
Bea Miller
- 8 Cindy Stanfield
- 10 Bob Brackett
Sue Schreck
- 11 Jerry Miller
Jocelyn Tolleson
- 13 Barbara Garrison
Louise Tunkel
- 14 Bob Ohle
George Miller
- 25 Mary Kessinger
- 26 Pat Harter
- 27 Dick Bobb
- 28 Don Osterberg
Jack Miller
Ann Campbell
- 29 Mary Congdon
- 31 Jane Sugawara
Sharon Slade
Sandra Dwork



Book Group

October 25



THANK YOU



The Christian Nurture Ministry would like to specifically recognize Augustin Serrano for his devotion to our youth's fire pit project. On September 9th the Trinity youth benefited from his wonderful expertise as they worked together to complete a gravel ring around the church's new campfire pit. We sincerely thank Augustin!

Trinity Book Group will meet in the Trinity Room at 1:30 pm on October 25, 2018. The selected book is *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult which is a novel about Ruth, an African-American nurse, and the moral dilemma resulting from the death of a white newborn baby under her care. Please join us for lively discussion and light refreshments.



TRINITY PRESCHOOL NEWS

The 2018-2019 school year is off to a great start! The preschool program here at Trinity has such wonderful support from the church and its members. The teachers would like to say a huge, "Thank You", to all the volunteers who pulled weeds, power washed equipment, moved furniture, painted walls, waxed floors..... the list goes on and on! The playground and the classrooms look fantastic! Many returning families shared comments about how nice everything looks. Thanks, again, to the many people who helped make this happen!

We also appreciate all the hard work that goes into the TPS yard sale. This massive undertaking, which benefits the preschool, takes a lot of coordination, scheduling, and muscle! Thank you for helping us make our school a place children enjoy so much they don't want to leave! As one of Ms. Betsy's Frisky Fours said when it was time to go home, "But I don't want to leave school!"

Financial Update: Aug YTD

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Income	\$353,524	\$353,744	\$ (220)
Expense	<u>\$361,812</u>	<u>\$375,452</u>	<u>\$ 13,640</u>
Surplus/Deficit	\$ (8,288)	\$(21,708)	\$ 13,420

Through 67% of the year, we have received 65% of budgeted Estimates of Giving (EOGs). We are now behind about \$37,000 in EOG donations compared to this time in 2017. Giving statements as of 8/31 will be made available to members in September.

Plate and unpledged donations are \$5000 over budget.

Most ministries remain under budget in their spending so far this year, especially Buildings & Grounds, Personnel (staff mileage), and Office Administration.

Work continues on providing electronic giving options for members as well as automatic deposit for employees. More information will be available soon.

Stewardship Commitment Sunday is October 14th.

Tom Karvonen, Finance/Stewardship Chair

TRINITY PRESCHOOL is off to a wonderful start this fall, thanks to the amazing turnout of help from members who are too numerous to list. THANKS to all!

The playground is in the best shape it has been in several years - thanks to the weed-eaters, the ivy pullers, the angels who did away with some of the faded, worn-out and rickety play equipment and the general tidying up. Now for the inside. It also had a complete make-over. The floors were polished, the walls were not only scrubbed but patched and painted, the furniture arranged (then re-arranged) under the guidance of the staff, and some needed items donated. In the middle of all this activity our new Director, Beth Erber, was getting acquainted with her very capable staff, interviewing parents of students, answering questions, getting enrollment signs up, finding her way through the files and records, and enjoying getting to know about Trinity. The ability to use the computer and our new TPS Website was a great help to her. Thank you, computer angels.

The school year is off to an excellent start with an enrollment of 17-18. We look forward to a happy, productive learning experience for all the children in our care. God be with us.

Neena



TRINITY STEPS UP....

Trinity has once again stepped up! A big "thank you" to the 25 walkers and everyone who donated to support the Hunger Walk on September 22. Trinity members raised more than \$1700 this year to fight hunger in Henderson County. Thank you for showing that you care!

Which God Shall We Elect?

Loren Mead says he often asks this question in many church audiences across America: “Are you rich?”

“The usual audience surprise is denial. ‘Raise up your hand if you are rich.’ Most hands stay down, and only slowly and reluctantly, one by one they go up. Some refuse to participate.

“Objectively the question should be easy to answer. I have never asked the question in any audience in which every person is not rich. Some are absurdly rich in comparison to 99% of those in the world. And others, just by being Americans, are probably better off than 95% of the world’s population...

“You see, wealth is the natural condition of all North Americans...

“Why do we work so hard to hide the fact that we are rich? Why hide it even from ourselves? Why does our wealth embarrass us?”

“Somewhere deep inside us is a place that cannot come to terms with what it means to be what we are. This is a spiritual question, and it is the one spiritual question all Americans share. It may be the one that most frightens us.” [Financial Meltdown in the Mainline. Loren B. Meade]

In the deep places of our souls, we know Jesus was right when he said, “No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth” (Mathew 6:24). In each of our lives, two candidates are running for election as president.

Each day of each week, each of us must decide which god to elect.

The weekly offering in our worship service helps us to make the right choice.

TRINITY THIRTY... Neena is saying goodbye to the pleasure of managing Trinity 30 and is happy to announce that Cheryl Spencer has agreed to be the contact person. For the past five years she has worked with over 60 volunteer hosts - married couples, partners, singles - who have done a generous and faithful job of making this after-service event an integral part of Trinity’s fellowship experience.

Do you have a special celebration you want to share with your Trinity friends? A birthday,? An anniversary? A milestone in your life? Cheryl has a baker on standby who will help you make it memorable .

October 28 Learning Hour: Solar Energy Update

Educating and inviting member participation in the discussions has been a major focus of the Trinity group researching the economic and environmental benefits of solar energy.

- * May 4, 2018, small group began discussing solar energy
- * many one-on-one conversations with members in church
- * reports to Session and the Ministries
- * Minute for Mission during worship service
- * invitation to learn more in Sunday Bulletins
- * growing interest and expansion of the solar team
- * listed in weekly Coming Up at Trinity emails
- * invitation in Trinity website
- * Wednesday Night Live presentation and survey
- * information in September issue of Tidings
- * more notices in Sunday Bulletins
- * more conversations with church members
- * invitation in October issue of Tidings
- * **October 28 Learning Hour presentation**
- and the investigation of solar energy continues...

Please join us in the Learning Hour at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday, October 28 to learn the latest. We want you in on the discussions and action!

Wednesday Night Live: October

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 coming up; here's a look at what's happening this month:

- October 3** Aaron Price, pianist
- October 17** Jazz Vespers, led by the Mark Guest Trio, featuring Sonny Thornton and Shannon Hoover
- October 24** Trunk-or-Treat at **Mills River Presbyterian Church, 6:00 p.m.**
10 Presbyterian Church Road, Mills River, NC 28759
Toasting marshmallows and making s'mores
Games & playground fun
Trunk or Treat
Come on out, rain or shine!



(Nursery care is provided on demand with advance notice. If you need child care on a Wednesday evening, please let the church office know by the Sunday preceding.)

Trunk-or-Treat Adult Volunteers (and their car trunks) Needed! Please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex, or call Dwight Christenbury. Thanks!

New Library Resources to Interest You

The library has purchased the following titles;

Raising White Kids: Bringing Up Children in a Racially Unjust America (25/HAR) by Jennifer Harvey

The Marvelous Mustard Seed (A/LEV) by Amy Jill Levine and Sandy E. Sasso - Children's book

Simon and the Big, Bad Angry Beasts: a Book about Anger (A.HAE) by Jan De Haes – Children's book.

Mary Louise and Bob Forsythe donated the title, *Day to Day: Spiritual Help When Someone You Love Has Alzheimer's* (9/MUR) by Cecil Murphey.

Marian Lowry has donated the following titles:

New Bible Commentary (REF/2/NEW) Eerdmans

New Bible Dictionary (REF/2/NEW) Tyndale House.

Claire Lux has donated a copy of *The Prayer Shawl Ministry: Reaching Those in Need* (0/PRA).

Trinity Presbyterian Women have donated a copy of their cookbook, *From Thy Bounty* (23/TRI).

Jane Presseau

Lectionary Readings

20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 7

Job 1:1; 2:1-10; Ps. 26; Heb. 1:1-4; 2:5-12;
Mark 10:2-16

21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 14

Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Ps. 22:1-15; Heb. 4:12-16;
Mark 10:17-31

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

October 21

Job 38:1-7 (34-41); Ps. 104:1-9, 24, 35c; Heb.
5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

October 28

Job 42:1-6, 10-17;
Ps. 34:1-8 (19-22);
Heb. 7:23-28;
Mark 10:46-52

Preaching Schedule for October 2018

October 7—Carol Steele (World Communion Sunday)
October 14—Mark Stanley (Stewardship Dedication Sunday)
October 21—Mark Stanley
October 28—Mark Stanley

In Memoriam

Betty Bobb
Jessie Ann Boterf
Dot Lovick

Raised to the Church Triumphant



HORTICULTURAL ANGELS

Every year we have a group of kind and willing folks who volunteer to maintain Trinity's grounds. We would like to recognize and thank these special individuals: Julie Carter, Carolyn Erickson, Lois Erickson, Brian and Linda Dillon, Myrl Jean Hughes, Priscilla Karvonen, Betty and Ed Lockwood, Claire Lux, Frank Maston, Barbara Pickwood, Russ Russell, Bob Stanfield, Ken Sugawara and Rob Tolleson

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.

October 7

Gene Carman, Barbara Docherty, John Hanson, Mal and Mary Kessinger

October 14

Linda and Gene Carlson, Dan and Pat Donovan, Pat Harter, Dan and Susan Kincaid

October 21



Julie Carter, Sandra Dwork, Mary Haskins, Gene and Anne Kirkley

October 28

Jane Cartledge, Barbara Engle, Neena Haskins, Jim and Nancy Kisner



October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 1:00 PW Coordinating team 4:00 Tai Chi	2 9:00 Staff Mtg. 10:00 New Member Subcommittee 10:00 Coffee/Issues 4:00 Finance/Stewardship 4:00 Global	3 10:30 Friends in Christ 2:00 Solar Group 5:30 WNL Meal 6:30 WNL Program 7:30 Choir	4 9:30 Spanish Class 10:00 New Member Committee 10:00 Study of Luke 4:00 Tai Chi	5	6 2:00 Betty Bobb Service/CV
7 Communion 8:30 Worship Service 9:45 Learning Hour 11:00 Worship Service 12:00 Trinity 30	8 10:30 Rebekah Circle 4:00 Worship Ministry 4:00 Tai Chi	9 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.	10 9:45 Esther Circle 10:30 Friends in Christ 7:30 Choir	11 9:30 Spanish Class 10:00 Study of Luke 4:00 Tai Chi	12	13
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your heart and with all your soul
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***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.***