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The Pastor's Corner.....

As the freshness of Easter is still with us, we remember just what it means to be loved by God. The power of resurrection is shown in God's love for us, how God claims us in making us holy through the sacrifice of Christ who was and is holiness. The beauty of resurrection is the living forever with God, in this life and the next.

We use the freshness of resurrection, as a church, to inspire us to ministry. Our Visioning Committee will be working with the Session to discern next exactly what we know of who we are, who we would like to become, and how to get there. This will begin with a new mission statement. Mission statements need to be updated in a changing world, perhaps as often as every 5 years. Our last mission statement is 17 years old! If you just look at the history of our country, the world, or even merely Flagler County during that 17 year period, you will see how much the world has changed since then. We know that a good mission statement is brief, concise. Your session will work diligently to do this.

In the meantime, ministry goes on, even without a new mission statement. I was overjoyed how you raised the money to build a well on the other side of the world for strangers in the name of Christ Jesus! You raised 3 times what you usually do for the One Great Hour of Sharing. Likewise, you also doubled the amount at the carwash, from \$250 to \$500, to benefit the Flagler Free Clinic. You are active in your love for Christ. You came out in record numbers to the Lenten program this year. We are an older congregation, but that does not mean we can't be a vibrant congregation. Remember this.

One of our members will celebrate a significant birthday in May. Alice Powell, will become 100 on May 7. We are celebrating on the first Sunday of May. We hope you will join us in the celebration!

I struggled to keep my reading current during Lent of the Bible in one year. I am looking forward to the finish line which is just six weeks away! I will have finished by the next newsletter. It wasn't easy, and sometimes I got behind. I'm glad I did it. It wasn't the first time, but even for a minister, it is a big commitment. I learned things that I didn't know, like God really didn't like Asherah poles! I also got a new perspective on just how different Luke is from the other Gospels.

Happy Easter. He is Risen!



Ron

The Chaplain's Page

ONE DEFINITION of the RESURRECTION

Rev. Sheryl Sumlin-Walker

“Jesus said to him, tend my sheep.” John 21:16b

Jose showed us a photograph of his brother, Jesus, just two years prior to his illness. The photo depicted a handsome young man around thirty-five with a beautiful smile. Jesus was from Nicaragua, with a wife and three children. The family owned a Taxi service business in a small town outside of the capital city of Managua. In Spanish, Jose explained that within a year and a half Jesus' face had been so disfigured from his ailment that he was no longer recognizable and thus, two American doctors felt that they could help with an operation and medical support here in the United States. The doctors used their own money to foot his travel and medical expenses to the U.S. Jesus was accompanied by his brother, Jose, to the United States. Once he arrived, all kinds of tests ensued and it was quickly understood that Jesus condition was compounded by an outbreak of cancer throughout his body. The doctors worked miracles in putting three-fourths of his face back together so his small children would no longer be afraid of their father. The doctors set their goal to reduce as many tumors as possible using radiation, but his body was beginning to weaken. Jesus arrived at the CARE CENTER and all of us went to his room to give whatever support we could. The goal was now to get Jesus back to Nicaragua so he could see his wife and children again prior to his death. As we all gathered in his room, a prayer was called for and we all stood around with a wonderful translator and we prayed ... and prayed ... and prayed. There was not a dry eye in the room and when we finished Jesus, who up until this point had not said a word, stated in Spanish how blessed he was to have come to America and how all of us had worked so hard to give him more time. “You know, had it not been for all of you, I would not be here,” he stated. “ I thank God for the three more months you have given me, and now my children may not think I look like a monster.”

The next morning, thirteen of us gathered to say our good-byes to Jesus and Jose. We took pictures and gave hugs to one another. We all poked our heads into the SUV as Jesus could no longer stand on his own power. With tears in our eyes, we each said our private words to Jesus, and realized that he touched our hearts through giving us an example of how to live and die with grace. Through God's blessings he was thankful for the extra time in his life that we all worked diligently for in his honor. He taught us how to live through great agony and sickness and disfigurement. He taught us how to treat one another and, as the SUV began to slowly roll away, he said in Spanish from his window, “I will soon rise again with Jesus.” We simply stood outside in the bright sunshine, watching the SUV turn the corner and disappear. No one moved, but we knew we had witnessed the Holy Spirit tearing into our hearts and into our lives in the form of Jesus from Nicaragua, and reminding us that the Jesus of Nazareth, our Lord and Savior, is always with us. “He has risen indeed!”

From the Youth Corner

I am enjoying this beautiful weather we are having here lately, but I am ready for summer!! As of May 1st, our kids have only 20 more days of school, so that means that I am in summer planning mode! With school out, we are filling our summer here at Trinity with many wonderful activities for our youth!

On Sunday, May 14, our Boy Scout Troop will be hosting a Mother's Day Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall from 9am-1pm. They will be serving pancakes, eggs, and sausage. The suggested donation is \$7 a person. Enjoy a great breakfast and support our Boy Scouts as well!

Sunday, May 21, is our Scholarship/Senior Sunday. We have two graduates this year, Lexie Butler and Jarrod Connors. Join us in worship as we celebrate this milestone in their lives.

Troopers and Middle School Youth Group will meet for the first two weeks of May and then we will have our End of the School Year Family Cookout on Wednesday, May 17, from 5:30pm-7:30pm. We will be grilling up some hot dogs and hamburgers, so bring a side dish to share and have the kids wear their bathing suits for some water fun!

Our Middle School Youth will be traveling to Cedarkirk Camp June 4th-June 9th to participate in their Challenge to Change Camp. Please keep this group in your prayers as they use their hearts and hands to further God's mission.

Vacation Bible School will be held June 19th-June 23rd from 9am-12pm daily. Our theme this year is "Hero Central" Do good, seek peace and go after it (Psalms 34:14b). We welcome youth who are entering into kindergarten to youth entering into 5th grade. You can register online at www.cokesburyvbs.com/tpc or pick up a registration form in the narthex.

We are looking for a few “superheroes” to volunteer to help with this year’s VBS program! If God is calling you to be a hero this summer, contact me by calling the church office or emailing me at brookeerintucker@gmail.com.

Our mission project for VBS this year will be collecting and assembling items to create “Hero Power Bags.” Last year, we chose this same mission project and were overwhelmed at what we accomplished! Thanks to all your donations, and the donations and hard work of our VBS youth, we were able to assemble 179 bags which were donated to the Flagler County United Way and Emmanuel’s Closet. We pray that this year our Hero Power Bags will serve as a blessing to those in need in our local community. Beginning May 7th we will have a collection bin in the narthex for items needed for our Hero Power Bags.

Here are some of the items we are collecting:

Small sample bottles of shampoo/conditioner/soap/facial wash/deodorant/laundry detergent/lotion/shaving cream/combs/brushes/hair bands

Prepackaged snack food that won’t melt

Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Q-Tips

Feminine Products

Large Zip Lock Freezer Bags

Lastly, we will be hosting a movie night here at Trinity on Wednesday, June 28th beginning at 5:30pm. We will be showing the movie: God’s Not Dead (PG). Put the date on your calendar and stay tuned for more information!

Do good. Seek peace and go after it!

Blessings,

Brooke Tucker

Youth Coordinator



Happy 100th Alice Powell

Join us on Sunday, May 7, in Mehaffey Hall after the 11:00 AM service as we celebrate Alice Powell's 100th birthday. Alice has been a member of Trinity since 1987.

SESSION BRIEFS

At its Stated Meeting on March 10, 2017 your session,

- Approved for Active membership Peggy Evleth, Albert and Alison Reid, and Lance and Brandie Alred.
- Noted the death of Active Member Timothy Lemper, on March 25, 2017.
- Approved removing June S. Carlson from the rolls; she has moved from the area.
- Noted that our Active Membership is now 478.
- Approved a request from the Boy Scouts to hold a Mothers' Day Brunch (May 14th) in Mehaffey Hall.
- Approved a request from the Membership/Evangelism Committee to give prospective new members the option of completing a Membership Information Form on line, rather than on paper.
- Noted that our usual drive for clothing, books, games, etc. will be held in May; clothing will go to Emmanuel's Closet, and other items to the Boys and Girls Club.
- Noted that \$2400 was raised for the Well (One Great Hour of Sharing).
- Elected Elder Ross Royce to be Commissioner to the Presbytery Meeting on May 2, 2017.

Jane Pellmann

Clerk of Session

IN MEMORIAM

Timothy Lemper – March 25, 2017

Mission Statement

Trinity Presbyterian Church of Palm Coast is called by God, through our Lord, Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, to provide a place to worship, create a nurturing environment and to serve our community and beyond.

Our community of faith is committed to advancing the teachings of Christ, through our words and deeds. We are sensitive to the needs of those less fortunate, we speak out for social justice, we promote Christian education, and we recognize and assist other missions with similar intent.

Our congregation is committed to sharing God's gifts. Our time, our talent and our treasure we readily share as a testament of our faith.

Missions we serve

Family Life Center-Operating in Flagler County, they provide temporary refuge to persons and families that are victims of domestic violence or abuse.

We provide financial assistance in the amount of \$2,100 annually to be used at the discretion of the director. We also distribute Christmas gifts to children at the shelter through our Angel Tree Promotion.

Whispering Meadows Ranch-Serving Flagler County, the ranch provides rehabilitation for physically and mentally disabled via equine therapy. Feeding, riding and dressage are parts of the program designed to promote interaction between the program participants and the horses.

We provide financial assistance in the amount of \$500 annually on an as needed basis. We also provide volunteers to assist at their riding demonstration programs.

Boy's & Girl's Club of Flagler/Volusia-The club, operating out of Rymfire Elementary School is our main focus. This club has over 200 school children enrolled in the program. Core elements of the program are character and leadership development, academic education, health and life skills, sports and the arts.

We provide \$1,200 annually to assist those families that can not afford the \$40 monthly tuition. This allows for 5 partial scholarships for each month of the year.

Mandeville Life Skills Center- A training center here in Palm Coast for the mentally and physically disabled. They provide vocational training, while promoting self dependency and social skills. They also assist their trainees in procuring employment with businesses in Palm Coast.

We provide \$1,200 annually to purchase training supplies and to assist with general operating expenses.

Trinity Presbyterian Church of Chinle-A small church located on the Navajo Reservation in Arizona dedicated to spreading the Gospel among Native Americans. *We provide financial assistance upwards of \$500 annually for special needs of the congregation. We also send our bible study literature to them for re-use in their study program.*

Montreat Ecumenical Retreat-Our annual senior's trip to Montreat, North Carolina. *We provide \$300 annually to maintain Trinity's "patron" status.*

The Resource Center-The center, a program of The United Church Women of Flagler County, operates a food bank for needy families in Flagler County. *We collect food items in The Narthex year round to help stock the shelves at the center. We provide financial assistance to purchase food when food stock gets alarming low. We provide volunteers to operate the center during our month of service.*

Jamaican Mutual Mission-This program, operated by The St. Augustine Presbytery, is a three-fold mission. The primary purpose is to send medical and dental teams to Jamaica to provide care for the underprivileged. Secondly to send craftsmen to perform home repair and general maintenance on sub-standard houses, and thirdly, sponsor a cultural exchange program between Jamaican and American youth. *We provide \$900 annually to buy medical and dental supplies. We also encourage medical and dental professionals in our congregation to become part of an expeditionary team.*

Flagler "One Blood" Bank-This organization provides vital blood services for the residents of Flagler County. *We host the Big Red Bus in our church parking lot during their blood drive, and we promote the event in our Sunday bulletin.*

Peace Offering-The St. Augustine Presbytery program designed to promote peace initiatives and educational programs, worldwide. *We contribute \$500 annually to this program.*

Christmas Joy Offering-Another program under the auspices of the St. Augustine Presbytery designed to help retired pastors, not on a pension plan, and newly ordained pastors waiting for their call. *We contribute \$800 annually to this effort.*

Christmas "Angel Tree" Promotion-A self-operated promotion in which we collect gifts from the congregation to be distributed to children at the Family Life Center, children of the families on the Family Food Program, and most recently, children with an incarcerated parent. *We prepare a Christmas tree for display in The Narthex with angels with gift requests, as ornaments. We promote this annual tradition by encouraging our congregants to sponsor an angel. We then collect and distribute the gifts in time for Christmas.*

Trinity's "Family Food Program"

Food Voucher Program-We provide food vouchers to families in need. The vouchers have a value of \$125, are distributed for twelve consecutive months, and are redeemable for food at Harris Grocery in Bunnell on Route 1. This program is designed for families who have fallen on hard times and needs immediate, temporary assistance.

Cedarkirk Mission Trip- We provide upwards of \$500 to provide food for our youth group's annual week-long retreat to Cedarkirk, Florida to assist migrant workers and their families.

Trinity Troopers, Children's Choir and Middle School-We reimburse the youth program for those children whose parent's are unable to provide them with snack money for the meetings.

Vacation Bible School-We provide the funding for snacks which are an integral part of the VBS program.

Sunday School Christmas Party-We reimburse the youth program for the food and beverages for the annual Christmas party.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLE MEETINGS

2017 MAY MEETINGS

2016-17 Study Guide Who Is Jesus? By Judy Yates Siker

Lesson Eight ~ "According to Other Abrahamic Faiths"

Miriam Circle will meet Wednesday, May 17 at 10 a.m. at the home of Ginny Ferriol, 20 Blakeport Lane, Palm Coast, 264-6027. Study leader will be Judy Hennenlotter. Circle members are asked to bring items for the Family Life Center (toiletries, cleaning products, personal care products, socks, etc.).

Faith Circle will meet Wednesday, May 17 at 1 p.m. at the church (Kepler Hall). Study leader will be Millicent Peart.

Rebecca Circle will meet Thursday, May 18 at 10 a.m. at the home of Carol Graff, 87 Longview Way, Palm Coast, 246-3948. Carol will also be the study leader.

PW Board Gathering will be on Wednesday, May 3 at 10 a.m. in Kepler Hall.

PW Study Leaders will meet with the minister at 2:00 p.m. on May 1 in the Geneva Room.

The May Luncheon of Presbyterian Women will be held Wednesday, May 10 at 12:30 p.m. in Mehaffey Hall. Chrissy Bramblett, Community Relations Coordinator of the Flagler Free Clinic will be our guest speaker. Miriam Circle A will host the luncheon.

The 2017 Mission Project of Presbyterian Women is the Flagler Free Clinic in Bunnell. Our goal is to raise \$3,000 to provide computers and support systems for those computers to aid healthcare workers and their patients. The kick-off fund raiser was the pre-Easter car wash manned by the Middle School Youth, their parents, and a host of other volunteers. We now have \$500 toward our goal. Many thanks to all who participated in this event!!! Other opportunities to participate will include greeting cards classes offered by Joyce Peters. The fee for each class is \$15.00. The limit is 5 individuals per session. We will be making three greeting cards: 1 thank you, 1 birthday, and 1 sympathy, and a surprise item. Card themes and designs will be different for each session; you are encouraged to sign up for more than one class! Classes will be held on Thursday, May 11 from 1-3 p.m.; Thursday, May 25 from 1-3 p.m.; and Wednesday, May 31 from 6-8 p.m. Classes will be held in the Calvin Room. To reserve a spot, please call Joyce Peters at 445-9650 or text her at 503-1720. More classes will be scheduled throughout the summer. The Second Annual Cookie Sale will take place on July 16.

2017 JUNE MEETINGS

2016-2017 Study Guide Who Is Jesus? By Judy Yates Siker

Lesson 9 ~ "According to Contemporary Cultural Interpretations"

Miriam Circle will meet Wednesday, June 21 at 10:00 a. m. at the home of Jane Pellman, 45 Freeport Lane, Palm Coast, 445-8075. Study leader will be Ginny Ferriol.

Faith Circle will meet Wednesday, June 21 at 1 p.m. at the church (Kepler Hall). Study leader will be Yvonne Smith. Circle members are asked to bring items for the Family Life Center (toiletries, cleaning products, personal care products, socks, etc.).

Rebecca Circle will meet Thursday, June 15 at 10:00 am at the home of Joyce Peters, 7 Flarestone Court, Palm Coast, 445-9650. Study Leader will be Tracy Martin

PW Board meeting will be held Wednesday, June 7 at 10:00 am in Kepler Hall.

PW Study Leaders will meet with the minister on Monday, June 5 at 2 p.m. in the Geneva Room.

May/June Birthdays:

Joe Digby	5/1	David Wheeler	5/17
Barbara Leshner	5/2	Melanie Manson	5/18
Jack Sears	5/3	Norma Rogero	5/19
Jan Johnson	5/3	Joan Nelms	5/20
Branden Gynizio	5/3	Milton Rampersad	5/20
Jack Kaczmarek	5/4	Margaret Click	5/20
Peter Harrison	5/4	Nick Jebbia	5/21
Arlene Highet	5/5	Nancy Clark	5/21
Ashby Richards	5/7	Lynn Breitenberg	5/22
Alice Powell	5/7	Shirley Jennings	5/23
Alexandra Rampersad	5/8	Ron Czadzeck	5/27
Hal Sautter	5/9	Harrison Hess	5/27
Ron Weidner	5/10	Alison Reid	5/27
Muriel Fallon	5/10	Carol Amsbaugh	6/2
Jarrold Connors	5/11	Judy Murgitroyde	6/2
Joye Wood	5/12	David Davenport	6/2
Barb Cooledge	5/12	Moira Hair	6/2
William Stratemeyer	5/13	Wes Davenport	6/3
Rebecca Read	5/13	Peter Colgan	6/3
Lynn Martin	5/13	Wendy Rogers	6/4
Thomas Rogero	5/13	Madison Bower	6/5
Mikki Davendonis	5/13	Diane Mettler	6/6
Ruth Keyon	5/15	Don Scott	6/6
Cheryl Hickson	5/16	Charlie Bozman	6/6
Willa Burns	5/16	Jeff Southmayd	6/7
Queenester Jones	5/16	Jinnie Gilligan	6/8
Mike Peters	5/17	June Colgan	6/8
Stephen Smith	5/17	Ron Watson	6/10
Sierra Holt	5/17	Del Smith	6/10
Bob Pearson	5/17	Cathy Clark	6/11
		Inez Calcerano	6/12

May/June Birthdays Continued:

Marcia Kelly-Hall	6/12
June Carlson	6/14
Debbie Bonner	6/14
Joan Zicht	6/14
Olivia Braxton	6/15
Ray Bonner	6/16
Joe Monaco	6/16
Dick Jenison	6/17
David McBride	6/18
Kelli Jebbia	6/19
Maggie Ferguson	6/20
Carol Corson	6/20
Don Shelton	6/20
Jane Gaulding	6/22
Daniel Faraj	6/23
Lori Pfeiffer	6/25
Lindy Adams	6/27
Gwen Graff-Kauffman	6/27
Diane Matta	6/27
Jim Connors	6/29
Frank Mento	6/29
Diana Mariano	6/29
Andrenik Turner	6/30

May/June Anniversaries:

Ed & Judy Murgitroyde	5/2
Greg & Judy Spurrell	5/8
Lee & Shirley Richards	5/24
Darby & Fawn Darbyshire	6/3
Edward & Norma Grimes	6/4
Julio & Mary Martin	6/4
Paul & Maudie Parker	6/5
Peter & June Colgan	6/6
Stephen & Karen Thomas	6/6
Edwin & Marilyn Millar	6/10
Brian & Becca Bower	6/12
John & Phyllis Pionzio	6/12
Gary & Doris Brumback	6/15
Jeff & Nancy Southmayd	6/15
Mr. & Mrs Schubert	6/17
Dick & Barb Cooledge	6/18
David & Moira Hair	6/18
Bob & Kathy Link	6/18
Ken & Diane Mettler	6/20
Roy & Joan Zicht	6/21
Hawley & Wendy Rogers	6/24
Maxie & Janet Lee	6/29
Brian & Sue Thomas	6/29
John & Ellen Soave	6/30